

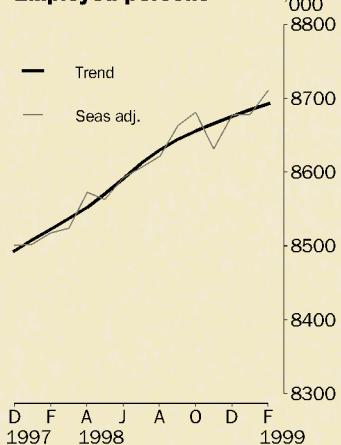


LABOUR FORCE

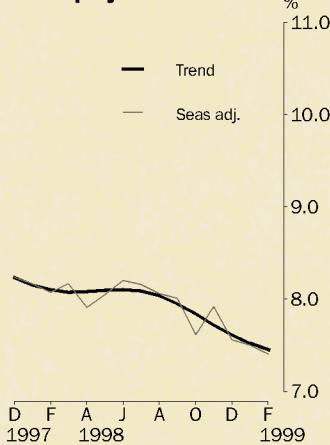
AUSTRALIA
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Employed persons



Unemployment rate



INQUIRIES

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FEBRUARY KEY FIGURES

TREND

	Jan 1999	Feb 1999	monthly change
Employed persons ('000)	8 684.3	8 692.2	0.1 %
Unemployed persons ('000)	706.6	699.3	-1.0 %
Unemployment rate (%)	7.5	7.4	-0.1 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.1	63.0	-0.1 pts

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Jan 1999	Feb 1999	monthly change
Employed persons ('000)	8 677.7	8 710.6	32.9
Unemployed persons ('000)	703.9	696.5	-7.4
Unemployment rate (%)	7.5	7.4	-0.1 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.0	63.1	0.1 pts

FEBRUARY KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- has continued to rise steadily, reaching 8,692,200.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- has been falling since July 1998, to stand at 699,300.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- fell by 0.1 percentage points to 7.4%.

PARTICIPATION RATE

- fell by 0.1 percentage points to 63.0%.

NOTE!

Estimates for prior periods have been revised. See 'Changes this month' on page 2.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- rose by 32,900 to 8,710,600. Full-time employment rose by 29,900 to 6,444,600, while part-time employment rose by 3,100 to 2,266,000.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- fell by 7,400 to 696,500, with the number of persons looking for full-time work falling by 16,600 to 533,400, partially offset by a rise of 9,300 in the number of persons looking for part-time work.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- fell by 0.1 percentage points to 7.4%. Both the male and female rate fell by 0.1 percentage points, to stand at 7.6% and 7.1%, respectively.

- NSW 6.7% (6.9% last month); Vic. 7.6% (7.4%); Qld 8.0% (8.0%); SA 8.8% (9.5%); WA 7.3% (7.0%); Tas. 10.3% (10.6%).

PARTICIPATION RATE

- rose by 0.1 percentage points to 63.1%.

N O T E S

FORTHCOMING ISSUES	ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
	March 1999	08 April 1999
	April 1999	13 May 1999
	May 1999	10 June 1999
	June 1999	08 July 1999
	July 1999	12 August 1999
	August 1999	09 September 1999

CHANGES THIS MONTH

Every five years the ABS revises Labour Force Survey estimates to incorporate revisions to population estimates obtained from the Census of Population and Housing. The introduction of these revisions is timed to coincide with the annual reanalysis of seasonal factors which occurs in February each year. All Labour Force Survey estimates have been revised from January 1995 to reflect revisions arising from the 1996 Census, and seasonally adjusted and trend estimates have been revised from February 1978 to reflect the seasonal reanalysis. A feature article outlining the seasonal reanalysis and revisions to population estimate processes, will appear in the February 1999 edition of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Further information can be obtained from the contact listed on the front page of this publication.

SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 30 and 31.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval indicates that we are 95% confident that the upper and lower limits enclose the true value of the estimate.

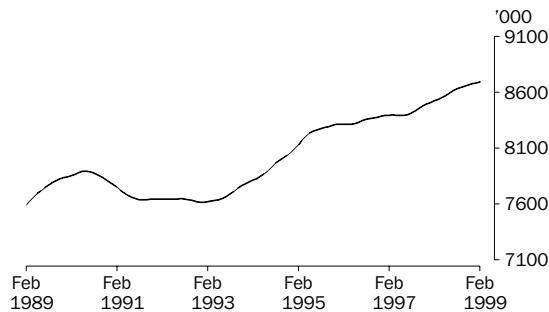
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA SERIES	MOVEMENTS JANUARY 1999 TO FEBRUARY 1999		
	Monthly change	95% Confidence interval	
		-6 700	to
Total employment	+32 900		
Total unemployment	-7 400		
Unemployment rate	-0.1 pts		
Participation rate	0.1 pts		

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PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES: Trend estimates

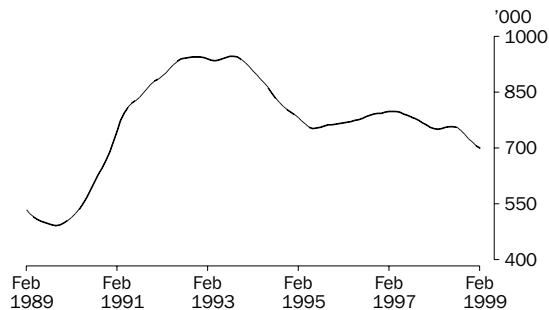
EMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of employed persons rose strongly from a low of 7,615,400 in January 1993, until mid 1995. Over the next two years, growth slowed, with the trend estimate reaching 8,395,500 in March 1997. After a small fall, the trend estimate has increased steadily over the past 21 months, to stand at 8,692,200 in February 1999.



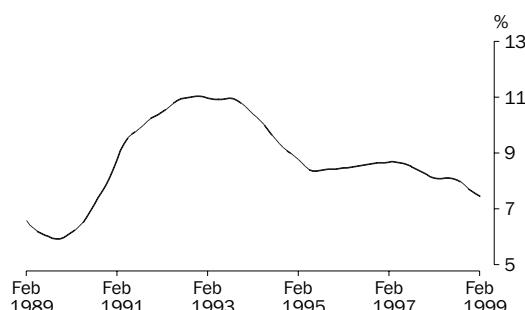
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

After peaking at 946,900 in September 1993, the trend estimate of unemployed persons fell rapidly to 752,400 in June 1995. The trend then rose slowly, reaching 798,600 in March 1997. After falling to 750,200 in March 1998, the trend rose to 757,900 in July 1998. Since then it has fallen to 699,300 in February 1999.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

From a high of 11.0% in mid 1993, the trend unemployment rate fell rapidly to 8.4% in July 1995. The trend then rose slowly, remaining steady at 8.7% from January 1997 to May 1997. Since that time, the trend has declined, apart from a small increase in mid 1998. The trend estimate stood at 7.4% in February 1999.

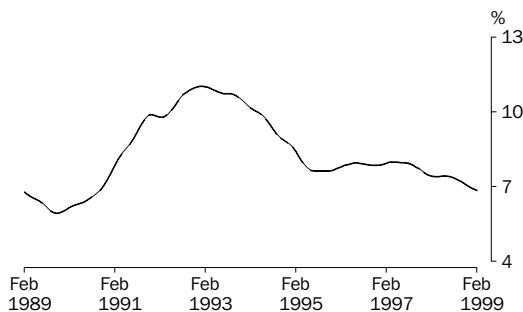


STATES: Trend estimates

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

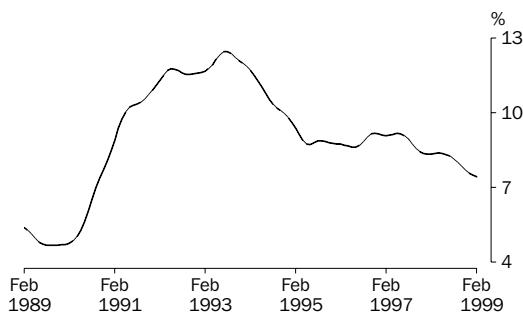
NEW SOUTH WALES

The trend unemployment rate for New South Wales peaked at 11.0% from December 1992 to March 1993, before falling to 7.6% in July 1995. Over the next two years, the trend rose slowly, reaching 8.0% in mid 1997. Apart from a small increase in early 1998, the trend has declined, to stand at 6.8% in February 1999.



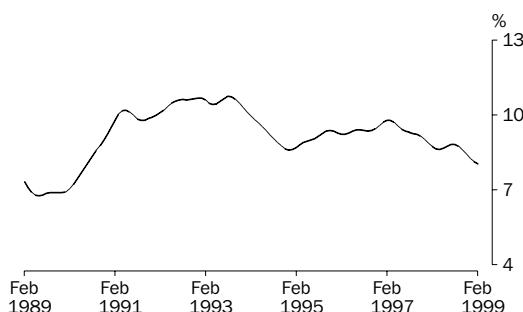
VICTORIA

From a high of 12.5% in August 1993, the trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Victoria declined to 8.6% in June 1996. The trend then rose to 9.2% in November 1996, and remained relatively steady until May 1997. Since that time, apart from an increase in early 1998, the trend has been falling. In February 1999, the rate was 7.4%.



QUEENSLAND

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Queensland peaked at 10.7% in August 1993, before falling steadily to 8.6% in December 1994. The trend then rose gradually to 9.8% in March 1997. After falling to 8.6% in April 1998, the trend rose slightly over the next four months, and has since fallen to 8.0% in February 1999.

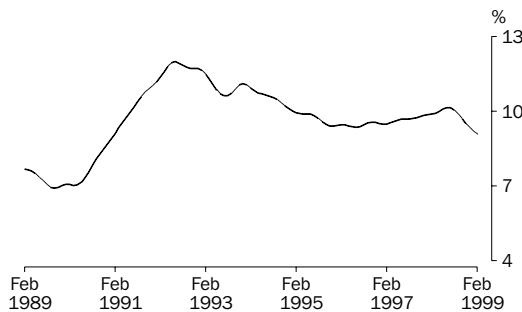


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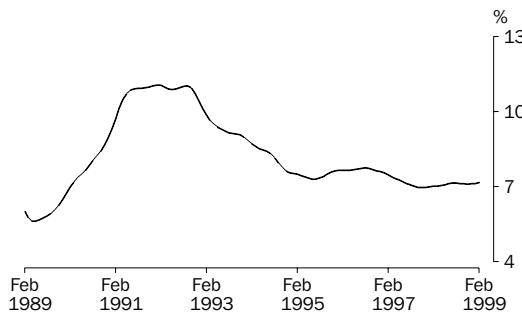
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The trend unemployment rate for South Australia rose rapidly from 6.9% in late 1989 to peak at 12.0% in June 1992. Over the next four years the trend generally fell, reaching a low of 9.3% in June 1996. After rising gradually to 10.1% in June 1998, the trend estimate has fallen to 9.1% in February 1999.



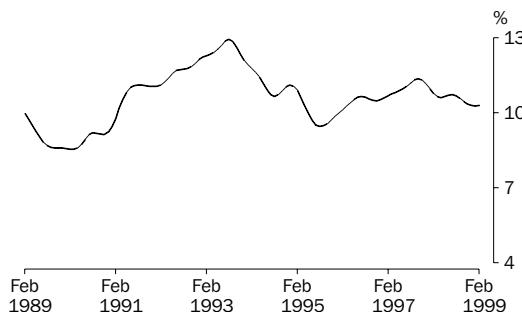
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The trend unemployment rate for Western Australia rose to its highest levels in late 1991 and 1992. The trend then declined steadily to 7.3% in mid 1995, before rising to 7.7% in August 1996. The trend then fell to 7.0% in September 1997, and remained at that level until early 1998. In February 1999, the trend rate stood at 7.2%.



TASMANIA

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Tasmania fell from a peak of 12.9% in August 1993 to 9.5% two years later. For most of 1996 and 1997, the trend rate rose, peaking at 11.3% in late 1997. Apart from a small rise in mid 1998, the trend has since fallen, and stood at 10.3% in February 1999.



LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Original

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

Month	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES											
1997											
December	4 304.2	586.6	4 890.8	376.8	67.0	443.7	5 334.5	1 877.1	7 211.6	8.3	74.0
1998											
January	4 264.7	542.2	4 806.9	414.4	60.1	474.5	5 281.3	1 939.2	7 220.5	9.0	73.1
February	4 256.4	554.5	4 810.9	409.6	70.4	479.9	5 290.8	1 938.5	7 229.4	9.1	73.2
March	4 242.3	587.7	4 830.0	393.7	63.6	457.2	5 287.2	1 951.0	7 238.2	8.6	73.0
April	4 265.0	587.5	4 852.5	356.7	59.1	415.7	5 268.2	1 978.6	7 246.8	7.9	72.7
May	4 245.1	599.4	4 844.5	375.0	56.3	431.3	5 275.7	1 979.7	7 255.5	8.2	72.7
June	4 250.2	608.0	4 858.2	379.3	51.1	430.4	5 288.6	1 975.5	7 264.1	8.1	72.8
July	4 294.0	577.0	4 871.1	379.2	50.7	429.9	5 301.0	1 971.4	7 272.4	8.1	72.9
August	4 225.9	583.5	4 809.4	375.9	58.6	434.5	5 243.9	2 036.8	7 280.7	8.3	72.0
September	4 317.0	610.0	4 926.9	383.7	59.2	442.9	5 369.8	1 919.2	7 289.0	8.2	73.7
October	4 303.2	609.8	4 913.0	340.4	54.2	394.5	5 307.5	1 991.6	7 299.1	7.4	72.7
November	4 278.1	611.5	4 889.5	358.5	52.1	410.6	5 300.1	2 009.1	7 309.2	7.7	72.5
December	4 343.3	622.0	4 965.4	354.7	57.7	412.3	5 377.7	1 941.6	7 319.3	7.7	73.5
1999											
January	4 282.3	600.4	4 882.6	389.5	57.8	447.3	5 329.9	1 998.8	7 328.7	8.4	72.7
February	4 318.0	598.3	4 916.3	381.0	63.1	444.0	5 360.3	1 977.7	7 338.0	8.3	73.0
FEMALES											
1997											
December	2 133.5	1 585.8	3 719.3	216.7	99.3	316.0	4 035.3	3 413.0	7 448.4	7.8	54.2
1998											
January	2 085.8	1 489.4	3 575.2	234.9	103.8	338.7	3 913.9	3 542.7	7 456.6	8.7	52.5
February	2 086.5	1 560.3	3 646.8	243.7	114.7	358.4	4 005.2	3 459.7	7 464.9	8.9	53.7
March	2 084.2	1 604.6	3 688.8	229.2	112.6	341.8	4 030.6	3 442.5	7 473.1	8.5	53.9
April	2 098.4	1 623.9	3 722.2	208.2	109.3	317.5	4 039.8	3 441.5	7 481.3	7.9	54.0
May	2 076.9	1 645.2	3 722.2	211.6	92.9	304.5	4 026.7	3 462.7	7 489.4	7.6	53.8
June	2 095.8	1 656.6	3 752.3	199.6	103.7	303.2	4 055.6	3 441.9	7 497.5	7.5	54.1
July	2 158.1	1 609.3	3 767.4	198.7	95.7	294.4	4 061.8	3 444.1	7 505.9	7.2	54.1
August	2 100.1	1 627.7	3 727.8	196.2	93.7	289.9	4 017.6	3 496.5	7 514.2	7.2	53.5
September	2 143.1	1 667.4	3 810.5	207.0	112.4	319.4	4 129.8	3 392.7	7 522.5	7.7	54.9
October	2 126.9	1 651.2	3 778.1	182.9	105.3	288.2	4 066.3	3 465.7	7 532.0	7.1	54.0
November	2 112.7	1 648.7	3 761.4	189.7	106.5	296.2	4 057.6	3 484.0	7 541.6	7.3	53.8
December	2 190.0	1 635.9	3 826.0	194.9	97.0	291.9	4 117.9	3 433.2	7 551.1	7.1	54.5
1999											
January	2 139.8	1 530.6	3 670.4	210.1	97.1	307.2	3 977.6	3 582.5	7 560.1	7.7	52.6
February	2 126.0	1 606.4	3 732.4	213.0	123.8	336.8	4 069.2	3 499.8	7 569.1	8.3	53.8
PERSONS											
1997											
December	6 437.7	2 172.4	8 610.1	593.5	166.2	759.7	9 369.8	5 290.1	14 660.0	8.1	63.9
1998											
January	6 350.4	2 031.6	8 382.1	649.4	163.8	813.2	9 195.2	5 481.9	14 677.1	8.8	62.7
February	6 342.9	2 114.8	8 457.7	653.2	185.1	838.3	9 296.0	5 398.2	14 694.2	9.0	63.3
March	6 326.5	2 192.3	8 518.8	622.9	176.1	799.0	9 317.8	5 393.5	14 711.4	8.6	63.3
April	6 363.3	2 211.4	8 574.7	564.9	168.4	733.3	9 308.0	5 420.1	14 728.1	7.9	63.2
May	6 322.0	2 244.6	8 566.6	586.7	149.2	735.8	9 302.4	5 442.4	14 744.8	7.9	63.1
June	6 346.0	2 264.5	8 610.5	578.9	154.8	733.7	9 344.2	5 417.4	14 761.7	7.9	63.3
July	6 452.1	2 186.4	8 638.5	577.9	146.4	724.3	9 362.7	5 415.5	14 778.2	7.7	63.4
August	6 326.0	2 211.1	8 537.2	572.1	152.3	724.4	9 261.5	5 533.3	14 794.8	7.8	62.6
September	6 460.0	2 277.3	8 737.4	590.7	171.6	762.3	9 499.6	5 311.8	14 811.5	8.0	64.1
October	6 430.1	2 261.0	8 691.1	523.2	159.5	682.7	9 373.8	5 457.3	14 831.1	7.3	63.2
November	6 390.8	2 260.2	8 651.0	548.1	158.6	706.7	9 357.7	5 493.0	14 850.7	7.6	63.0
December	6 533.4	2 258.0	8 791.3	549.5	154.7	704.3	9 495.6	5 374.8	14 870.4	7.4	63.9
1999											
January	6 422.1	2 131.0	8 553.0	599.7	154.8	754.5	9 307.5	5 581.2	14 888.8	8.1	62.5
February	6 444.0	2 204.7	8 648.7	594.0	186.9	780.9	9 429.6	5 477.5	14 907.1	8.3	63.3

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): **Seasonally adjusted**

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

Month	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
1997									
December	4 240.5	586.7	4 827.1	381.9	63.2	445.1	5 272.3	8.4	73.1
1998									
January	4 259.3	571.0	4 830.3	378.3	55.3	433.6	5 263.9	8.2	72.9
February	4 249.7	580.9	4 830.7	375.6	63.7	439.3	5 270.0	8.3	72.9
March	4 259.4	579.7	4 839.0	385.5	55.3	440.8	5 279.8	8.3	72.9
April	4 279.1	578.5	4 857.6	365.8	57.4	423.2	5 280.8	8.0	72.9
May	4 259.2	590.5	4 849.6	379.6	58.6	438.2	5 287.8	8.3	72.9
June	4 264.9	590.7	4 855.6	389.7	56.9	446.6	5 302.2	8.4	73.0
July	4 271.8	586.1	4 857.9	391.1	57.2	448.3	5 306.2	8.4	73.0
August	4 276.5	578.2	4 854.6	382.8	65.5	448.4	5 303.0	8.5	72.8
September	4 306.7	596.2	4 902.9	381.4	55.0	436.4	5 339.3	8.2	73.3
October	4 296.6	606.7	4 903.3	360.6	56.8	417.3	5 320.6	7.8	72.9
November	4 283.8	611.2	4 894.9	370.6	57.4	428.0	5 323.0	8.0	72.8
December	4 278.3	622.0	4 900.3	360.5	54.4	414.9	5 315.2	7.8	72.6
1999									
January	4 275.3	632.2	4 907.6	356.3	53.5	409.8	5 317.4	7.7	72.6
February	4 310.7	627.0	4 937.7	349.5	57.0	406.5	5 344.2	7.6	72.8
FEMALES									
1997									
December	2 085.2	1 587.9	3 673.1	215.4	102.3	317.7	3 990.8	8.0	53.6
1998									
January	2 085.2	1 586.6	3 671.8	214.7	107.7	322.3	3 994.1	8.1	53.6
February	2 093.7	1 593.0	3 686.7	210.5	98.4	308.9	3 995.6	7.7	53.5
March	2 095.4	1 589.4	3 684.8	218.6	99.1	317.7	4 002.5	7.9	53.6
April	2 110.2	1 604.9	3 715.1	208.4	104.6	313.0	4 028.1	7.8	53.8
May	2 091.6	1 621.4	3 713.0	215.5	95.7	311.2	4 024.2	7.7	53.7
June	2 116.8	1 620.1	3 736.8	209.3	111.7	321.0	4 057.8	7.9	54.1
July	2 130.7	1 617.6	3 748.3	211.5	105.0	316.5	4 064.8	7.8	54.2
August	2 133.6	1 633.1	3 766.7	206.6	101.0	307.6	4 074.3	7.5	54.2
September	2 128.6	1 630.2	3 758.8	211.1	106.6	317.7	4 076.5	7.8	54.2
October	2 122.8	1 655.0	3 777.8	192.3	106.4	298.8	4 076.5	7.3	54.1
November	2 108.5	1 628.4	3 736.9	200.8	113.8	314.6	4 051.5	7.8	53.7
December	2 139.2	1 638.1	3 777.4	194.8	100.1	294.9	4 072.3	7.2	53.9
1999									
January	2 139.4	1 630.7	3 770.1	193.7	100.4	294.1	4 064.2	7.2	53.8
February	2 133.9	1 639.0	3 772.8	183.9	106.2	290.1	4 062.9	7.1	53.7
PERSONS									
1997									
December	6 325.7	2 174.5	8 500.2	597.4	165.5	762.9	9 263.1	8.2	63.2
1998									
January	6 344.5	2 157.6	8 502.1	593.0	163.0	755.9	9 258.0	8.2	63.1
February	6 343.4	2 174.0	8 517.4	586.1	162.1	748.2	9 265.6	8.1	63.1
March	6 354.8	2 169.0	8 523.9	604.1	154.4	758.5	9 282.4	8.2	63.1
April	6 389.3	2 183.4	8 572.7	574.2	162.0	736.2	9 308.9	7.9	63.2
May	6 350.8	2 211.8	8 562.6	595.1	154.3	749.4	9 312.0	8.0	63.2
June	6 381.6	2 210.8	8 592.4	599.0	168.6	767.6	9 360.0	8.2	63.4
July	6 402.5	2 203.7	8 606.2	602.5	162.2	764.8	9 371.0	8.2	63.4
August	6 410.0	2 211.3	8 621.3	589.4	166.6	756.0	9 377.3	8.1	63.4
September	6 435.3	2 226.4	8 661.7	592.5	161.6	754.1	9 415.8	8.0	63.6
October	6 419.4	2 261.7	8 681.1	552.9	163.2	716.1	9 397.2	7.6	63.4
November	6 392.3	2 239.6	8 631.9	571.4	171.2	742.6	9 374.5	7.9	63.1
December	6 417.5	2 260.1	8 677.7	555.3	154.5	709.8	9 387.5	7.6	63.1
1999									
January	6 414.7	2 262.9	8 677.7	550.0	153.9	703.9	9 381.6	7.5	63.0
February	6 444.6	2 266.0	8 710.6	533.4	163.2	696.5	9 407.1	7.4	63.1

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Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
1997									
December	4 243.3	578.4	4 821.7	382.5	61.6	444.1	5 265.8	8.4	73.0
1998									
January	4 251.6	579.3	4 830.9	379.1	60.6	439.6	5 270.5	8.3	73.0
February	4 257.6	580.3	4 837.9	377.3	59.1	436.4	5 274.3	8.3	73.0
March	4 261.1	581.3	4 842.4	377.2	58.1	435.3	5 277.7	8.2	72.9
April	4 263.5	582.4	4 846.0	379.0	57.7	436.8	5 282.7	8.3	72.9
May	4 266.5	583.7	4 850.2	381.8	57.9	439.7	5 289.8	8.3	72.9
June	4 271.2	585.1	4 856.3	384.0	58.4	442.4	5 298.7	8.3	72.9
July	4 277.3	586.9	4 864.2	384.4	58.8	443.2	5 307.5	8.4	73.0
August	4 282.9	590.2	4 873.1	382.5	58.8	441.2	5 314.3	8.3	73.0
September	4 286.7	596.0	4 882.6	378.0	58.3	436.2	5 318.9	8.2	73.0
October	4 288.6	603.6	4 892.2	371.8	57.3	429.1	5 321.3	8.1	72.9
November	4 288.8	612.0	4 900.8	365.7	56.3	422.0	5 322.8	7.9	72.8
December	4 288.7	619.9	4 908.5	360.4	55.6	416.0	5 324.5	7.8	72.8
1999									
January	4 289.3	626.5	4 915.8	355.8	55.0	410.9	5 326.6	7.7	72.7
February	4 290.3	631.8	4 922.1	352.3	54.5	406.8	5 328.9	7.6	72.7
FEMALES									
1997									
December	2 081.8	1 589.7	3 671.6	214.8	102.6	317.4	3 989.0	8.0	53.6
1998									
January	2 087.0	1 590.9	3 677.9	214.2	101.8	316.0	3 993.9	7.9	53.6
February	2 091.7	1 593.3	3 685.0	213.8	101.4	315.2	4 000.3	7.9	53.6
March	2 096.5	1 597.9	3 694.3	213.4	101.5	314.9	4 009.2	7.9	53.6
April	2 102.3	1 604.1	3 706.4	213.0	101.9	314.9	4 021.4	7.8	53.8
May	2 109.5	1 611.5	3 721.0	212.5	102.5	315.0	4 036.0	7.8	53.9
June	2 116.5	1 619.1	3 735.7	211.5	103.5	315.1	4 050.7	7.8	54.0
July	2 121.9	1 625.9	3 747.8	209.8	104.9	314.7	4 062.5	7.7	54.1
August	2 125.1	1 631.3	3 756.4	207.5	106.0	313.5	4 069.9	7.7	54.2
September	2 126.5	1 634.8	3 761.2	204.6	106.3	310.9	4 072.2	7.6	54.1
October	2 126.9	1 636.6	3 763.5	201.3	106.2	307.5	4 070.9	7.6	54.0
November	2 127.4	1 637.4	3 764.8	197.8	105.7	303.5	4 068.3	7.5	53.9
December	2 129.2	1 637.3	3 766.5	194.4	105.1	299.5	4 066.0	7.4	53.8
1999									
January	2 131.7	1 636.9	3 768.6	191.2	104.5	295.7	4 064.3	7.3	53.8
February	2 134.3	1 635.8	3 770.1	188.5	104.0	292.5	4 062.6	7.2	53.7
PERSONS									
1997									
December	6 325.1	2 168.1	8 493.3	597.3	164.2	761.6	9 254.8	8.2	63.1
1998									
January	6 338.6	2 170.2	8 508.8	593.3	162.3	755.6	9 264.5	8.2	63.1
February	6 349.3	2 173.6	8 522.9	591.1	160.5	751.7	9 274.6	8.1	63.1
March	6 357.6	2 179.2	8 536.8	590.6	159.6	750.2	9 286.9	8.1	63.1
April	6 365.9	2 186.5	8 552.4	592.1	159.6	751.7	9 304.1	8.1	63.2
May	6 375.9	2 195.2	8 571.1	594.3	160.4	754.7	9 325.8	8.1	63.2
June	6 387.7	2 204.3	8 591.9	595.6	161.9	757.5	9 349.4	8.1	63.3
July	6 399.2	2 212.9	8 612.1	594.3	163.7	757.9	9 370.0	8.1	63.4
August	6 408.0	2 221.6	8 629.6	590.0	164.7	754.7	9 384.2	8.0	63.4
September	6 413.1	2 230.7	8 643.8	582.6	164.6	747.2	9 391.0	8.0	63.4
October	6 415.5	2 240.1	8 655.6	573.1	163.5	736.6	9 392.2	7.8	63.3
November	6 416.2	2 249.4	8 665.6	563.5	162.0	725.5	9 391.1	7.7	63.2
December	6 417.9	2 257.2	8 675.1	554.8	160.7	715.4	9 390.5	7.6	63.1
1999									
January	6 421.0	2 263.4	8 684.3	547.0	159.6	706.6	9 390.9	7.5	63.1
February	6 424.6	2 267.6	8 692.2	540.8	158.5	699.3	9 391.5	7.4	63.0

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	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
1997												
December	56.7	320.1	376.8	67.0	443.7	27.2	7.2	8.0	10.2	8.3	8.5	4.9
1998												
January	59.0	355.4	414.4	60.1	474.5	27.0	8.0	8.9	10.0	9.0	8.8	5.4
February	51.8	357.7	409.6	70.4	479.9	25.2	8.0	8.8	11.3	9.1	7.7	5.5
March	54.0	339.6	393.7	63.6	457.2	26.7	7.7	8.5	9.8	8.6	8.1	5.2
April	44.4	312.3	356.7	59.1	415.7	23.5	7.0	7.7	9.1	7.9	6.6	4.7
May	49.6	325.4	375.0	56.3	431.3	25.8	7.3	8.1	8.6	8.2	7.4	4.9
June	48.5	330.9	379.3	51.1	430.4	26.0	7.4	8.2	7.8	8.1	7.2	5.0
July	47.8	331.4	379.2	50.7	429.9	25.4	7.4	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.1	5.0
August	46.5	329.5	375.9	58.6	434.5	25.5	7.5	8.2	9.1	8.3	6.9	5.0
September	47.4	336.2	383.7	59.2	442.9	25.6	7.4	8.2	8.8	8.2	7.0	5.1
October	41.5	298.9	340.4	54.2	394.5	22.6	6.7	7.3	8.2	7.4	6.1	4.5
November	42.6	315.9	358.5	52.1	410.6	23.7	7.1	7.7	7.8	7.7	6.3	4.8
December	52.6	302.0	354.7	57.7	412.3	24.8	6.7	7.5	8.5	7.7	7.8	4.5
1999												
January	52.7	336.8	389.5	57.8	447.3	25.2	7.5	8.3	8.8	8.4	7.8	5.1
February	44.4	336.6	381.0	63.1	444.0	21.9	7.5	8.1	9.5	8.3	6.5	5.1
FEMALES												
1997												
December	44.9	171.8	216.7	99.3	316.0	34.6	7.7	9.2	5.9	7.8	7.1	2.5
1998												
January	52.0	182.9	234.9	103.8	338.7	36.8	8.4	10.1	6.5	8.7	8.2	2.7
February	43.2	200.5	243.7	114.7	358.4	34.4	9.1	10.5	6.8	8.9	6.8	2.9
March	41.0	188.3	229.2	112.6	341.8	35.2	8.6	9.9	6.6	8.5	6.4	2.8
April	35.2	173.0	208.2	109.3	317.5	31.7	7.9	9.0	6.3	7.9	5.5	2.5
May	35.9	175.7	211.6	92.9	304.5	33.8	8.1	9.2	5.3	7.6	5.6	2.6
June	30.6	169.0	199.6	103.7	303.2	30.7	7.7	8.7	5.9	7.5	4.8	2.5
July	31.1	167.6	198.7	95.7	294.4	29.1	7.4	8.4	5.6	7.2	4.9	2.4
August	30.2	166.0	196.2	93.7	289.9	30.6	7.6	8.5	5.4	7.2	4.7	2.4
September	30.0	177.0	207.0	112.4	319.4	29.5	7.9	8.8	6.3	7.7	4.7	2.6
October	28.8	154.1	182.9	105.3	288.2	28.6	7.0	7.9	6.0	7.1	4.5	2.2
November	30.9	158.8	189.7	106.5	296.2	29.8	7.2	8.2	6.1	7.3	4.8	2.3
December	37.2	157.7	194.9	97.0	291.9	29.4	7.0	8.2	5.6	7.1	5.8	2.3
1999												
January	36.3	173.9	210.1	97.1	307.2	27.7	7.8	8.9	6.0	7.7	5.6	2.5
February	35.1	177.8	213.0	123.8	336.8	30.2	8.0	9.1	7.2	8.3	5.4	2.6
PERSONS												
1997												
December	101.6	491.9	593.5	166.2	759.7	30.0	7.3	8.4	7.1	8.1	7.8	3.7
1998												
January	111.0	538.3	649.4	163.8	813.2	30.8	8.1	9.3	7.5	8.8	8.5	4.0
February	95.0	558.2	653.2	185.1	838.3	28.7	8.4	9.3	8.0	9.0	7.3	4.2
March	95.0	527.9	622.9	176.1	799.0	29.8	8.0	9.0	7.4	8.6	7.3	3.9
April	79.6	485.3	564.9	168.4	733.3	26.6	7.3	8.2	7.1	7.9	6.1	3.6
May	85.5	501.1	586.7	149.2	735.8	28.6	7.6	8.5	6.2	7.9	6.5	3.7
June	79.0	499.9	578.9	154.8	733.7	27.6	7.5	8.4	6.4	7.9	6.0	3.7
July	78.9	499.0	577.9	146.4	724.3	26.7	7.4	8.2	6.3	7.7	6.0	3.7
August	76.6	495.5	572.1	152.3	724.4	27.3	7.5	8.3	6.4	7.8	5.8	3.7
September	77.4	513.3	590.7	171.6	762.3	27.0	7.6	8.4	7.0	8.0	5.9	3.8
October	70.3	453.0	523.2	159.5	682.7	24.7	6.8	7.5	6.6	7.3	5.3	3.4
November	73.5	474.6	548.1	158.6	706.7	25.9	7.1	7.9	6.6	7.6	5.6	3.5
December	89.8	459.7	549.5	154.7	704.3	26.5	6.8	7.8	6.4	7.4	6.8	3.4
1999												
January	89.0	510.6	599.7	154.8	754.5	26.2	7.6	8.5	6.8	8.1	6.7	3.8
February	79.6	514.4	594.0	186.9	780.9	24.9	7.7	8.4	7.8	8.3	6.0	3.8

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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
1997												
December	47.9	334.0	381.9	63.2	445.1	25.6	7.5	8.3	9.7	8.4	7.2	5.1
1998												
January	47.7	330.7	378.3	55.3	433.6	24.7	7.4	8.2	8.8	8.2	7.1	5.0
February	46.4	329.2	375.6	63.7	439.3	24.1	7.4	8.1	9.9	8.3	6.9	5.0
March	53.9	331.6	385.5	55.3	440.8	26.9	7.5	8.3	8.7	8.3	8.0	5.0
April	46.4	319.4	365.8	57.4	423.2	24.5	7.2	7.9	9.0	8.0	6.9	4.9
May	49.3	330.3	379.6	58.6	438.2	24.9	7.4	8.2	9.0	8.3	7.3	5.0
June	50.0	339.7	389.7	56.9	446.6	25.3	7.6	8.4	8.8	8.4	7.4	5.2
July	51.1	340.0	391.1	57.2	448.3	26.9	7.6	8.4	8.9	8.4	7.6	5.2
August	51.9	330.9	382.8	65.5	448.4	26.3	7.4	8.2	10.2	8.5	7.7	5.0
September	52.5	328.8	381.4	55.0	436.4	27.0	7.3	8.1	8.4	8.2	7.8	5.0
October	46.8	313.8	360.6	56.8	417.3	24.5	7.0	7.7	8.6	7.8	6.9	4.7
November	46.9	323.7	370.6	57.4	428.0	24.4	7.3	8.0	8.6	8.0	6.9	4.9
December	44.5	316.0	360.5	54.4	414.9	23.3	7.1	7.8	8.0	7.8	6.6	4.8
1999												
January	42.7	313.7	356.3	53.5	409.8	23.1	7.1	7.7	7.8	7.7	6.3	4.7
February	39.9	309.6	349.5	57.0	406.5	20.9	6.9	7.5	8.3	7.6	5.9	4.6
FEMALES												
1997												
December	36.1	179.3	215.4	102.3	317.7	32.2	8.2	9.4	6.1	8.0	5.7	2.6
1998												
January	41.0	173.7	214.7	107.7	322.3	34.8	8.0	9.3	6.4	8.1	6.4	2.5
February	36.9	173.6	210.5	98.4	308.9	32.0	7.9	9.1	5.8	7.7	5.8	2.5
March	39.1	179.5	218.6	99.1	317.7	33.1	8.2	9.4	5.9	7.9	6.1	2.6
April	36.5	171.9	208.4	104.6	313.0	31.6	7.8	9.0	6.1	7.8	5.7	2.5
May	36.7	178.8	215.5	95.7	311.2	33.0	8.1	9.3	5.6	7.7	5.7	2.6
June	34.3	175.0	209.3	111.7	321.0	31.6	7.9	9.0	6.5	7.9	5.4	2.6
July	36.8	174.7	211.5	105.0	316.5	33.6	7.8	9.0	6.1	7.8	5.7	2.5
August	33.9	172.6	206.6	101.0	307.6	31.3	7.7	8.8	5.8	7.5	5.3	2.5
September	33.8	177.4	211.1	106.6	317.7	31.5	7.9	9.0	6.1	7.8	5.3	2.6
October	32.9	159.5	192.3	106.4	298.8	31.5	7.2	8.3	6.0	7.3	5.1	2.3
November	32.9	168.0	200.8	113.8	314.6	29.8	7.6	8.7	6.5	7.8	5.1	2.4
December	29.9	164.9	194.8	100.1	294.9	27.2	7.4	8.3	5.8	7.2	4.6	2.4
1999												
January	28.5	165.1	193.7	100.4	294.1	26.0	7.4	8.3	5.8	7.2	4.4	2.4
February	30.1	153.8	183.9	106.2	290.1	28.0	7.0	7.9	6.1	7.1	4.7	2.2
PERSONS												
1997												
December	84.0	513.3	597.4	165.5	762.9	28.1	7.7	8.6	7.1	8.2	6.5	3.8
1998												
January	88.6	504.4	593.0	163.0	755.9	28.5	7.6	8.5	7.0	8.2	6.8	3.8
February	83.4	502.8	586.1	162.1	748.2	27.1	7.6	8.5	6.9	8.1	6.4	3.8
March	93.0	511.1	604.1	154.4	758.5	29.2	7.7	8.7	6.6	8.2	7.1	3.8
April	82.9	491.3	574.2	162.0	736.2	27.2	7.4	8.2	6.9	7.9	6.3	3.7
May	86.0	509.1	595.1	154.3	749.4	27.8	7.7	8.6	6.5	8.0	6.6	3.8
June	84.3	514.7	599.0	168.6	767.6	27.5	7.7	8.6	7.1	8.2	6.4	3.8
July	87.9	514.6	602.5	162.2	764.8	29.4	7.7	8.6	6.9	8.2	6.7	3.8
August	85.8	503.5	589.4	166.6	756.0	28.1	7.5	8.4	7.0	8.1	6.5	3.7
September	86.3	506.2	592.5	161.6	754.1	28.6	7.5	8.4	6.8	8.0	6.6	3.8
October	79.7	473.2	552.9	163.2	716.1	27.0	7.1	7.9	6.7	7.6	6.0	3.5
November	79.8	491.6	571.4	171.2	742.6	26.4	7.4	8.2	7.1	7.9	6.0	3.6
December	74.4	480.9	555.3	154.5	709.8	24.8	7.2	8.0	6.4	7.6	5.6	3.5
1999												
January	71.2	478.8	550.0	153.9	703.9	24.1	7.2	7.9	6.4	7.5	5.4	3.5
February	70.0	463.4	533.4	163.2	696.5	23.5	6.9	7.6	6.7	7.4	5.3	3.4

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'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
1997												
December	48.3	334.2	382.5	61.6	444.1	25.0	7.5	8.3	9.6	8.4	7.2	5.1
1998												
January	48.3	330.8	379.1	60.6	439.6	25.0	7.5	8.2	9.5	8.3	7.2	5.0
February	48.4	328.9	377.3	59.1	436.4	25.0	7.4	8.1	9.2	8.3	7.2	5.0
March	48.7	328.5	377.2	58.1	435.3	25.1	7.4	8.1	9.1	8.2	7.3	5.0
April	49.3	329.8	379.0	57.7	436.8	25.2	7.4	8.2	9.0	8.3	7.3	5.0
May	49.9	331.9	381.8	57.9	439.7	25.5	7.5	8.2	9.0	8.3	7.4	5.0
June	50.6	333.5	384.0	58.4	442.4	25.9	7.5	8.2	9.1	8.3	7.5	5.1
July	50.9	333.5	384.4	58.8	443.2	26.1	7.5	8.2	9.1	8.4	7.6	5.1
August	50.9	331.6	382.5	58.8	441.2	26.1	7.4	8.2	9.1	8.3	7.6	5.0
September	50.1	327.9	378.0	58.3	436.2	25.9	7.3	8.1	8.9	8.2	7.4	5.0
October	48.6	323.2	371.8	57.3	429.1	25.3	7.2	8.0	8.7	8.1	7.2	4.9
November	46.6	319.0	365.7	56.3	422.0	24.4	7.1	7.9	8.4	7.9	6.9	4.8
December	44.6	315.8	360.4	55.6	416.0	23.5	7.1	7.8	8.2	7.8	6.6	4.8
1999												
January	42.7	313.1	355.8	55.0	410.9	22.6	7.0	7.7	8.1	7.7	6.3	4.7
February	41.1	311.2	352.3	54.5	406.8	21.8	7.0	7.6	7.9	7.6	6.1	4.7
FEMALES												
1997												
December	37.2	177.6	214.8	102.6	317.4	32.9	8.1	9.4	6.1	8.0	5.9	2.6
1998												
January	38.0	176.2	214.2	101.8	316.0	33.2	8.1	9.3	6.0	7.9	6.0	2.6
February	38.3	175.6	213.8	101.4	315.2	33.1	8.0	9.3	6.0	7.9	6.0	2.6
March	38.0	175.4	213.4	101.5	314.9	32.8	8.0	9.2	6.0	7.9	6.0	2.6
April	37.3	175.7	213.0	101.9	314.9	32.6	8.0	9.2	6.0	7.8	5.8	2.6
May	36.5	176.0	212.5	102.5	315.0	32.4	8.0	9.2	6.0	7.8	5.7	2.6
June	35.8	175.7	211.5	103.5	315.1	32.4	7.9	9.1	6.0	7.8	5.6	2.6
July	35.2	174.6	209.8	104.9	314.7	32.4	7.9	9.0	6.1	7.7	5.5	2.5
August	34.5	173.0	207.5	106.0	313.5	32.1	7.8	8.9	6.1	7.7	5.4	2.5
September	33.7	170.9	204.6	106.3	310.9	31.4	7.7	8.8	6.1	7.6	5.3	2.5
October	32.8	168.5	201.3	106.2	307.5	30.4	7.6	8.6	6.1	7.6	5.1	2.4
November	31.7	166.1	197.8	105.7	303.5	29.3	7.5	8.5	6.1	7.5	4.9	2.4
December	30.8	163.6	194.4	105.1	299.5	28.3	7.4	8.4	6.0	7.4	4.8	2.4
1999												
January	29.9	161.3	191.2	104.5	295.7	27.4	7.3	8.2	6.0	7.3	4.6	2.3
February	29.3	159.2	188.5	104.0	292.5	26.9	7.2	8.1	6.0	7.2	4.5	2.3
PERSONS												
1997												
December	85.5	511.8	597.3	164.2	761.6	27.9	7.7	8.6	7.0	8.2	6.6	3.8
1998												
January	86.3	507.0	593.3	162.3	755.6	28.0	7.7	8.6	7.0	8.2	6.6	3.8
February	86.7	504.4	591.1	160.5	751.7	28.0	7.6	8.5	6.9	8.1	6.6	3.8
March	86.7	503.9	590.6	159.6	750.2	28.0	7.6	8.5	6.8	8.1	6.6	3.8
April	86.6	505.5	592.1	159.6	751.7	28.0	7.6	8.5	6.8	8.1	6.6	3.8
May	86.5	507.9	594.3	160.4	754.7	28.0	7.6	8.5	6.8	8.1	6.6	3.8
June	86.3	509.2	595.6	161.9	757.5	28.2	7.6	8.5	6.8	8.1	6.6	3.8
July	86.1	508.1	594.3	163.7	757.9	28.3	7.6	8.5	6.9	8.1	6.6	3.8
August	85.4	504.5	590.0	164.7	754.7	28.3	7.5	8.4	6.9	8.0	6.5	3.7
September	83.9	498.7	582.6	164.6	747.2	27.8	7.4	8.3	6.9	8.0	6.4	3.7
October	81.4	491.7	573.1	163.5	736.6	27.1	7.4	8.2	6.8	7.8	6.2	3.6
November	78.4	485.1	563.5	162.0	725.5	26.2	7.3	8.1	6.7	7.7	5.9	3.6
December	75.3	479.4	554.8	160.7	715.4	25.2	7.2	8.0	6.6	7.6	5.7	3.5
1999												
January	72.6	474.4	547.0	159.6	706.6	24.4	7.1	7.9	6.6	7.5	5.5	3.5
February	70.4	470.4	540.8	158.5	699.3	23.7	7.1	7.8	6.5	7.4	5.3	3.5

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

				<i>Looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15-19</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partic- ipation rate</i>
	<i>Full time</i>	<i>Part time</i>	<i>Total</i>								
	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	%	%
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	145.5	30.4	175.9	38.3	* 3.7	42.0	217.9	32.0	249.8	19.3	87.2
Females	73.8	50.0	123.7	31.9	* 2.8	34.6	158.4	31.3	189.6	21.9	83.5
Persons	219.3	80.3	299.6	70.1	6.5	76.6	376.2	63.2	439.4	20.4	85.6
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	11.9	45.4	57.4	* 3.8	11.0	14.9	72.2	45.9	118.1	20.6	61.2
Females	7.5	80.1	87.6	* 1.3	12.9	14.2	101.8	45.8	147.5	14.0	69.0
Persons	19.4	125.5	144.9	5.2	24.0	29.1	174.0	91.6	265.7	16.7	65.5
ATTENDING SCHOOL											
Males	* 1.2	81.8	82.9	* 2.3	22.3	24.6	107.5	203.1	310.6	22.9	34.6
Females	* 0.1	108.0	108.1	* 1.9	28.0	29.9	138.1	170.8	308.9	21.7	44.7
Persons	* 1.3	189.8	191.1	4.2	50.3	54.5	245.6	373.9	619.5	22.2	39.6
TOTAL											
Males	158.6	157.6	316.2	44.4	37.0	81.5	397.6	280.9	678.6	20.5	58.6
Females	81.3	238.1	319.4	35.1	43.7	78.8	398.2	247.8	646.0	19.8	61.6
Persons	240.0	395.6	635.6	79.6	80.7	160.3	795.9	528.7	1 324.6	20.1	60.1

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

				Looking for f/t work			Looking for p/t work			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	'000	'000	Total	'000	'000	'000					
	'000	'000	'000											
MALES														
New South Wales	1 453.4	191.5	1 644.9	113.5	19.6	133.1	1 778.0	702.4	2 480.3	7.5	71.7			
Victoria	1 085.5	145.7	1 231.2	94.5	16.2	110.7	1 341.9	486.5	1 828.4	8.2	73.4			
Queensland	806.1	112.8	918.9	78.8	11.6	90.4	1 009.3	344.4	1 353.7	9.0	74.6			
South Australia	320.7	51.1	371.8	36.6	4.0	40.6	412.4	171.4	583.8	9.8	70.6			
Western Australia	444.0	61.8	505.8	37.0	8.1	45.1	550.9	174.2	725.1	8.2	76.0			
Tasmania	92.0	15.4	107.4	14.2	1.8	16.0	123.3	57.1	180.4	12.9	68.4			
Northern Territory	46.4	7.7	54.2	1.9	* 0.3	2.2	56.4	15.6	72.0	3.8	78.3			
Australian Capital Territory	69.8	12.3	82.0	4.6	1.5	6.1	88.2	26.1	114.3	6.9	77.2			
Australia	4 318.0	598.3	4 916.3	381.0	63.1	444.0	5 360.3	1 977.7	7 338.0	8.3	73.0			
FEMALES														
New South Wales	738.4	498.0	1 236.4	67.4	37.1	104.5	1 340.9	1 226.8	2 567.7	7.8	52.2			
Victoria	531.6	397.9	929.5	54.6	32.1	86.7	1 016.2	893.0	1 909.2	8.5	53.2			
Queensland	385.6	312.5	698.1	40.5	27.7	68.2	766.3	612.4	1 378.7	8.9	55.6			
South Australia	150.6	134.4	285.0	19.7	8.6	28.3	313.3	297.2	610.5	9.0	51.3			
Western Australia	200.1	180.9	381.0	21.4	12.7	34.1	415.1	311.1	726.2	8.2	57.2			
Tasmania	44.0	41.8	85.8	5.5	2.1	7.7	93.4	96.1	189.6	8.2	49.3			
Northern Territory	27.6	13.6	41.2	1.4	* 0.5	1.9	43.1	22.4	65.5	4.4	65.8			
Australian Capital Territory	48.1	27.3	75.5	2.5	3.0	5.5	81.0	40.7	121.7	6.8	66.5			
Australia	2 126.0	1 606.4	3 732.4	213.0	123.8	336.8	4 069.2	3 499.8	7 569.1	8.3	53.8			
PERSONS														
New South Wales	2 191.8	689.5	2 881.3	180.9	56.7	237.5	3 118.8	1 929.2	5 048.0	7.6	61.8			
Victoria	1 617.1	543.7	2 160.8	149.1	48.3	197.4	2 358.1	1 379.5	3 737.6	8.4	63.1			
Queensland	1 191.7	425.4	1 617.1	119.2	39.3	158.6	1 775.6	956.8	2 732.4	8.9	65.0			
South Australia	471.3	185.5	656.8	56.2	12.6	68.9	725.7	468.6	1 194.3	9.5	60.8			
Western Australia	644.1	242.7	886.8	58.4	20.8	79.2	966.0	485.3	1 451.3	8.2	66.6			
Tasmania	136.0	57.1	193.1	19.7	3.9	23.6	216.8	153.2	370.0	10.9	58.6			
Northern Territory	74.1	21.3	95.4	3.2	* 0.8	4.1	99.4	38.1	137.5	4.1	72.3			
Australian Capital Territory	117.9	39.6	157.5	7.2	4.4	11.6	169.1	66.8	235.9	6.9	71.7			
Australia	6 444.0	2 204.7	8 648.7	594.0	186.9	780.9	9 429.6	5 477.5	14 907.1	8.3	63.3			

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	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NEW SOUTH WALES												
1997												
December	27.2	153.4	180.6	47.8	228.5	25.4	6.8	7.6	6.5	7.4	6.3	3.4
1998												
January	34.9	161.2	196.1	46.0	242.1	28.8	7.2	8.3	6.7	7.9	8.1	3.5
February	28.0	170.8	198.9	61.2	260.1	26.0	7.6	8.5	8.6	8.5	6.5	3.8
March	27.7	167.2	195.0	49.0	243.9	25.4	7.5	8.3	6.7	7.9	6.4	3.7
April	23.1	143.0	166.1	50.9	217.0	22.5	6.4	7.1	6.9	7.1	5.3	3.1
May	31.0	151.8	182.8	43.0	225.8	29.2	6.8	7.9	5.8	7.4	7.1	3.3
June	26.6	147.3	173.8	48.3	222.1	27.3	6.5	7.4	6.5	7.2	6.1	3.2
July	25.1	148.8	173.8	41.0	214.8	25.9	6.4	7.2	5.8	6.9	5.8	3.3
August	24.4	153.5	177.9	41.7	219.6	25.6	6.9	7.6	5.9	7.2	5.6	3.4
September	23.1	155.6	178.7	52.6	231.3	24.2	6.7	7.4	7.0	7.3	5.3	3.4
October	22.4	129.3	151.6	49.2	200.8	23.0	5.7	6.4	6.6	6.5	5.1	2.8
November	21.2	151.8	173.0	53.3	226.3	22.7	6.7	7.4	7.1	7.3	4.9	3.3
December	28.4	136.5	165.0	43.2	208.1	26.5	6.0	6.9	5.8	6.6	6.5	3.0
1999												
January	27.4	159.7	187.1	43.7	230.9	24.2	7.1	7.9	6.2	7.5	6.3	3.5
February	23.0	157.9	180.9	56.7	237.5	21.5	7.0	7.6	7.6	7.6	5.2	3.4
VICTORIA												
1997												
December	26.3	115.9	142.3	49.8	192.0	34.7	7.0	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.3	3.4
1998												
January	26.3	136.9	163.1	49.2	212.4	36.0	8.2	9.4	8.7	9.2	8.2	4.1
February	23.1	136.3	159.4	48.6	208.0	32.3	8.1	9.1	8.4	8.9	7.2	4.0
March	25.2	133.5	158.7	52.2	210.9	37.6	8.0	9.1	8.5	9.0	7.9	4.0
April	19.8	127.9	147.7	47.3	195.0	31.7	7.6	8.5	7.8	8.3	6.2	3.8
May	17.9	131.1	149.0	40.6	189.6	31.0	7.8	8.6	6.6	8.1	5.6	3.9
June	17.2	128.5	145.7	43.2	188.9	31.9	7.7	8.5	6.9	8.0	5.4	3.8
July	17.6	125.7	143.3	42.7	186.0	29.5	7.5	8.2	7.0	7.9	5.5	3.7
August	17.5	120.3	137.8	47.5	185.4	31.5	7.2	8.0	7.7	7.9	5.5	3.5
September	18.7	127.5	146.2	50.4	196.6	32.7	7.5	8.3	7.9	8.2	5.8	3.8
October	15.1	113.6	128.7	44.6	173.3	26.5	6.8	7.5	7.3	7.4	4.7	3.3
November	16.7	116.4	133.1	41.1	174.2	28.2	7.1	7.8	6.6	7.5	5.2	3.4
December	18.6	110.6	129.2	46.3	175.4	24.8	6.6	7.4	7.5	7.4	5.8	3.2
1999												
January	19.8	121.3	141.2	41.0	182.2	27.8	7.3	8.1	7.1	7.9	6.2	3.6
February	16.5	132.6	149.1	48.3	197.4	24.3	7.8	8.4	8.2	8.4	5.1	3.9
QUEENSLAND												
1997												
December	23.0	100.8	123.8	31.1	154.9	32.7	8.1	9.4	7.2	8.9	9.2	4.2
1998												
January	22.4	110.4	132.8	30.9	163.6	30.6	9.0	10.2	7.3	9.5	9.0	4.5
February	17.8	121.5	139.3	35.4	174.7	26.9	9.8	10.6	7.8	9.9	7.1	5.0
March	17.8	104.0	121.8	34.5	156.3	28.1	8.5	9.5	7.5	9.0	7.1	4.3
April	18.3	98.7	117.0	35.0	152.0	28.4	8.0	9.1	7.7	8.7	7.3	4.1
May	15.4	100.1	115.6	30.1	145.6	25.4	8.2	9.1	6.5	8.4	6.1	4.1
June	16.4	101.9	118.3	32.3	150.5	26.5	8.3	9.2	6.9	8.6	6.5	4.2
July	16.4	104.3	120.7	28.8	149.5	25.2	8.4	9.3	6.4	8.5	6.5	4.3
August	15.6	98.6	114.2	31.4	145.6	26.9	8.1	8.9	6.8	8.4	6.1	4.0
September	16.5	103.5	120.1	35.2	155.2	26.3	8.3	9.2	7.5	8.8	6.5	4.2
October	15.2	97.0	112.2	34.0	146.2	24.8	7.8	8.6	7.2	8.2	6.0	3.9
November	16.3	89.0	105.3	33.6	138.9	27.0	7.1	8.1	7.2	7.8	6.4	3.6
December	19.8	97.8	117.6	28.5	146.0	27.5	7.8	8.8	6.2	8.2	7.8	4.0
1999												
January	18.4	101.2	119.6	33.2	152.8	26.0	8.1	9.0	7.6	8.7	7.2	4.1
February	20.4	98.9	119.2	39.3	158.6	29.7	8.0	9.1	8.5	8.9	7.9	4.0

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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
1997												
December	8.8	49.2	58.1	12.5	70.5	35.0	9.7	10.9	6.4	9.7	9.0	4.5
1998												
January	9.1	54.6	63.7	14.7	78.4	32.5	10.8	12.0	8.0	10.9	9.3	5.0
February	8.4	52.5	61.0	15.6	76.5	34.3	10.5	11.7	7.9	10.6	8.5	4.8
March	8.7	50.2	58.9	14.5	73.4	37.6	10.1	11.3	7.5	10.3	8.8	4.6
April	8.6	46.9	55.5	11.8	67.3	38.1	9.5	10.8	6.0	9.5	8.7	4.3
May	9.0	50.0	59.0	13.0	72.0	38.2	10.2	11.5	6.7	10.2	9.1	4.6
June	6.4	50.4	56.8	11.1	68.0	29.8	10.3	11.1	5.8	9.6	6.5	4.6
July	7.9	48.7	56.7	12.2	68.9	35.8	9.8	10.9	6.6	9.8	8.0	4.5
August	8.3	52.9	61.3	10.4	71.7	36.9	10.6	11.7	5.5	10.1	8.4	4.9
September	8.4	53.0	61.4	10.5	72.0	36.8	10.4	11.6	5.5	9.9	8.5	4.9
October	7.5	44.9	52.4	12.2	64.6	35.1	9.0	10.1	6.2	9.0	7.5	4.1
November	8.2	49.7	57.9	10.1	67.9	36.0	9.9	11.0	5.1	9.4	8.2	4.6
December	7.6	48.4	56.0	10.8	66.8	31.5	9.6	10.6	5.3	9.1	7.6	4.4
1999												
January	8.7	53.7	62.4	12.5	74.9	35.5	10.7	11.9	6.5	10.4	8.7	4.9
February	7.0	49.3	56.2	12.6	68.9	30.0	9.8	10.7	6.4	9.5	7.0	4.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
1997												
December	10.9	43.4	54.3	14.2	68.5	26.2	6.6	7.7	5.9	7.2	8.2	3.4
1998												
January	11.6	48.0	59.5	13.5	73.1	26.2	7.2	8.4	5.9	7.8	8.7	3.7
February	11.8	47.6	59.4	14.6	74.0	28.0	7.2	8.5	5.9	7.8	8.9	3.7
March	10.1	45.2	55.3	15.5	70.7	25.3	6.9	7.9	6.3	7.5	7.6	3.5
April	6.0	43.6	49.7	14.2	63.9	18.4	6.6	7.2	5.6	6.8	4.5	3.4
May	7.8	43.6	51.4	14.0	65.5	22.8	6.6	7.4	5.5	6.9	5.8	3.4
June	8.1	46.5	54.6	13.1	67.8	22.7	7.0	7.8	5.2	7.1	6.1	3.6
July	7.7	44.0	51.7	14.0	65.7	22.0	6.6	7.3	5.5	6.8	5.7	3.4
August	7.0	43.5	50.5	12.9	63.4	20.3	6.5	7.2	5.1	6.7	5.2	3.3
September	5.6	47.9	53.5	15.9	69.4	17.0	7.1	7.6	6.0	7.1	4.1	3.7
October	6.2	44.3	50.5	11.2	61.7	19.4	6.7	7.2	4.3	6.5	4.6	3.4
November	6.8	44.4	51.1	13.1	64.2	20.7	6.7	7.3	5.0	6.7	5.0	3.4
December	9.1	45.1	54.2	16.5	70.7	22.0	6.7	7.5	6.4	7.2	6.8	3.4
1999												
January	9.0	48.2	57.2	16.8	74.0	21.8	7.2	8.1	6.8	7.7	6.7	3.7
February	8.0	50.4	58.4	20.8	79.2	22.0	7.6	8.3	7.9	8.2	5.9	3.8
TASMANIA												
1997												
December	2.9	18.6	21.5	6.1	27.6	29.9	12.3	13.3	10.0	12.4	8.6	5.5
1998												
January	3.7	16.4	20.1	5.0	25.0	34.7	11.0	12.6	8.5	11.5	10.7	4.9
February	3.4	17.1	20.5	4.0	24.5	34.8	11.3	12.7	6.7	11.1	9.9	5.1
March	3.8	16.0	19.8	4.3	24.1	39.3	10.7	12.4	7.0	10.9	11.0	4.8
April	2.2	15.4	17.6	4.6	22.2	25.6	10.3	11.1	7.2	10.0	6.5	4.6
May	2.7	15.3	18.0	3.5	21.5	28.6	10.6	11.7	5.3	9.7	7.8	4.6
June	2.5	16.5	19.0	3.6	22.6	27.9	11.4	12.4	5.7	10.4	7.2	4.9
July	2.8	16.0	18.9	4.2	23.0	29.6	11.1	12.3	6.5	10.6	8.2	4.8
August	2.3	17.5	19.8	4.9	24.7	26.7	12.2	13.0	7.5	11.4	6.7	5.2
September	3.0	15.7	18.7	3.4	22.1	35.5	10.9	12.3	5.2	10.1	8.7	4.7
October	2.4	16.5	18.9	3.8	22.8	28.0	11.4	12.3	5.9	10.4	7.0	4.9
November	2.5	14.6	17.1	3.5	20.6	29.3	10.1	11.2	5.6	9.6	7.3	4.4
December	3.9	14.9	18.8	5.3	24.2	40.2	10.2	12.1	8.4	11.0	11.4	4.4
1999												
January	3.9	17.4	21.3	3.1	24.4	35.6	11.9	13.6	5.3	11.3	11.4	5.2
February	3.3	16.4	19.7	3.9	23.6	30.6	11.3	12.7	6.4	10.9	9.6	4.9

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
1997												
December	* 0.4	2.9	3.3	* 1.2	4.5	* 9.0	4.0	4.2	* 6.4	4.6	* 2.6	2.4
1998												
January	* 0.6	2.7	3.3	1.4	4.7	* 12.1	3.9	4.4	7.4	5.0	* 4.1	2.3
February	* 0.6	3.8	4.4	1.8	6.2	* 17.1	5.3	5.8	10.9	6.8	* 4.4	3.1
March	* 0.6	4.2	4.8	1.6	6.4	* 16.8	5.7	6.2	8.9	6.7	* 4.4	3.5
April	* 0.3	2.9	3.2	1.5	4.7	* 7.9	4.0	4.1	8.9	5.0	* 1.8	2.4
May	* 0.5	2.8	3.3	1.3	4.6	* 13.4	3.9	4.4	6.7	4.8	* 3.4	2.3
June	* 0.5	2.8	3.4	* 0.5	3.9	* 15.5	4.0	4.5	* 2.6	4.1	* 3.7	2.3
July	* 0.3	3.6	3.9	* 0.9	4.7	* 8.0	4.8	4.9	* 4.9	4.9	* 2.1	2.9
August	* 0.4	2.7	3.1	* 0.5	3.6	* 11.5	3.7	4.1	* 2.4	3.7	* 2.8	2.2
September	* 0.9	3.3	4.2	* 0.7	4.8	* 22.5	4.2	5.1	* 3.5	4.8	* 6.0	2.7
October	* 0.4	1.8	2.2	* 0.9	3.0	* 10.3	2.5	2.8	* 3.8	3.0	* 2.5	1.5
November	* 0.8	2.9	3.7	* 0.9	4.7	* 20.5	4.0	4.8	* 4.4	4.7	* 5.7	2.4
December	* 0.9	1.9	2.8	* 0.5	3.3	* 21.4	2.6	3.5	* 2.6	3.3	* 6.1	1.6
1999												
January	* 0.5	2.7	3.2	* 1.2	4.4	* 14.1	3.7	4.2	* 6.7	4.7	* 3.4	2.2
February	* 0.8	2.4	3.2	* 0.8	4.1	* 29.4	3.2	4.2	* 3.7	4.1	* 5.9	1.9
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
1997												
December	2.0	7.6	9.6	3.6	13.2	43.8	6.3	7.7	8.8	8.0	8.5	3.6
1998												
January	2.5	8.2	10.7	3.1	13.9	52.3	6.9	8.6	8.3	8.6	10.7	3.9
February	1.8	8.6	10.4	4.0	14.3	33.2	7.0	8.1	9.7	8.5	7.6	4.1
March	1.2	7.5	8.6	4.7	13.3	35.4	6.1	6.9	10.8	7.9	4.9	3.5
April	1.2	6.9	8.2	3.1	11.2	42.0	5.8	6.7	7.1	6.8	5.3	3.3
May	1.2	6.3	7.5	3.7	11.2	38.8	5.1	6.0	8.8	6.7	5.1	3.0
June	1.3	6.0	7.3	2.6	9.9	40.7	5.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.6	2.8
July	1.1	7.9	9.0	2.7	11.7	32.5	6.4	7.1	6.1	6.9	4.8	3.7
August	1.1	6.4	7.5	3.0	10.6	39.5	5.5	6.3	6.6	6.4	4.8	3.0
September	1.1	6.8	7.9	2.9	10.8	35.4	5.8	6.5	6.5	6.5	4.9	3.2
October	1.2	5.4	6.7	3.6	10.3	33.0	4.7	5.6	8.0	6.2	5.3	2.6
November	1.1	5.8	6.9	3.0	9.9	34.8	4.9	5.7	6.9	6.0	4.6	2.7
December	1.5	4.5	6.0	3.7	9.7	31.5	3.8	4.8	8.7	5.8	6.3	2.1
1999												
January	1.2	6.4	7.6	3.2	10.8	30.6	5.3	6.2	7.9	6.6	5.2	3.0
February	* 0.6	6.6	7.2	4.4	11.6	* 19.3	5.4	5.7	10.1	6.9	* 2.6	3.1

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	
MALES											
1997											
December	1 434.5	1 616.5	135.6	7.7	71.8	1 433.8	1 612.6	136.3	7.8	71.7	2 440.5
1998											
January	1 436.3	1 620.5	128.5	7.3	71.6	1 435.6	1 614.9	134.1	7.7	71.6	2 443.3
February	1 431.7	1 603.3	136.2	7.8	71.1	1 437.2	1 616.4	132.6	7.6	71.5	2 446.1
March	1 438.0	1 618.6	134.2	7.7	71.6	1 439.3	1 617.9	131.9	7.5	71.5	2 448.8
April	1 445.4	1 623.1	125.8	7.2	71.3	1 442.3	1 619.9	132.8	7.6	71.5	2 451.5
May	1 443.7	1 619.7	134.8	7.7	71.5	1 445.9	1 622.6	133.9	7.6	71.6	2 454.3
June	1 450.1	1 629.4	136.8	7.7	71.9	1 449.8	1 626.3	134.5	7.6	71.7	2 457.0
July	1 456.8	1 639.0	135.0	7.6	72.1	1 452.9	1 630.0	133.9	7.6	71.7	2 459.7
August	1 448.1	1 613.4	137.7	7.9	71.1	1 454.3	1 633.2	132.4	7.5	71.7	2 462.4
September	1 458.2	1 639.4	130.8	7.4	71.8	1 453.8	1 635.5	130.3	7.4	71.6	2 465.2
October	1 458.2	1 652.8	115.0	6.5	71.6	1 452.1	1 637.5	128.1	7.3	71.5	2 468.4
November	1 447.3	1 634.9	133.4	7.5	71.5	1 449.8	1 638.9	126.5	7.2	71.4	2 471.5
December	1 443.9	1 635.5	124.0	7.0	71.1	1 447.8	1 640.0	125.5	7.1	71.3	2 474.7
1999											
January	1 440.2	1 635.3	129.6	7.3	71.2	1 446.2	1 640.9	124.8	7.1	71.3	2 477.5
February	1 452.3	1 648.1	121.2	6.8	71.3	1 445.5	1 642.7	124.2	7.0	71.2	2 480.3
FEMALES											
1997											
December	716.4	1 217.7	95.5	7.3	51.9	719.1	1 213.0	95.4	7.3	51.7	2 531.0
1998											
January	722.5	1 218.1	97.2	7.4	51.9	718.1	1 215.7	94.9	7.2	51.7	2 533.4
February	713.9	1 212.7	92.9	7.1	51.5	717.9	1 218.8	94.7	7.2	51.8	2 535.9
March	721.6	1 219.8	94.8	7.2	51.8	719.5	1 222.1	94.6	7.2	51.9	2 538.3
April	723.2	1 230.4	93.7	7.1	52.1	723.4	1 226.3	94.8	7.2	52.0	2 540.8
May	716.4	1 225.6	95.1	7.2	51.9	729.8	1 232.1	94.8	7.1	52.2	2 543.3
June	737.5	1 239.4	96.7	7.2	52.5	736.9	1 238.4	95.0	7.1	52.4	2 545.9
July	760.5	1 251.0	95.9	7.1	52.8	742.7	1 243.1	95.5	7.1	52.5	2 548.5
August	740.5	1 238.6	93.1	7.0	52.2	746.0	1 245.5	96.0	7.2	52.6	2 551.1
September	750.4	1 255.6	96.5	7.1	52.9	746.1	1 246.1	95.9	7.1	52.6	2 553.7
October	745.1	1 251.8	92.2	6.9	52.6	744.1	1 246.1	95.1	7.1	52.5	2 556.6
November	730.5	1 224.5	104.7	7.9	51.9	741.8	1 246.4	93.6	7.0	52.4	2 559.6
December	745.2	1 255.9	87.5	6.5	52.4	740.4	1 247.7	91.8	6.9	52.3	2 562.5
1999											
January	738.4	1 249.3	85.6	6.4	52.0	739.8	1 249.6	89.7	6.7	52.2	2 565.1
February	743.7	1 257.9	87.5	6.5	52.4	740.6	1 252.2	87.9	6.6	52.2	2 567.7
PERSONS											
1997											
December	2 150.8	2 834.3	231.1	7.5	61.7	2 152.9	2 825.7	231.7	7.6	61.5	4 971.5
1998											
January	2 158.8	2 838.6	225.7	7.4	61.6	2 153.7	2 830.6	228.9	7.5	61.5	4 976.7
February	2 145.7	2 815.9	229.1	7.5	61.1	2 155.1	2 835.1	227.2	7.4	61.5	4 981.9
March	2 159.6	2 838.4	229.0	7.5	61.5	2 158.7	2 840.0	226.5	7.4	61.5	4 987.1
April	2 168.6	2 853.5	219.5	7.1	61.6	2 165.7	2 846.2	227.5	7.4	61.6	4 992.4
May	2 160.1	2 845.3	229.9	7.5	61.5	2 175.7	2 854.7	228.8	7.4	61.7	4 997.6
June	2 187.6	2 868.8	233.5	7.5	62.0	2 186.7	2 864.6	229.6	7.4	61.8	5 002.9
July	2 217.3	2 890.0	230.9	7.4	62.3	2 195.6	2 873.1	229.4	7.4	62.0	5 008.2
August	2 188.6	2 851.9	230.8	7.5	61.5	2 200.2	2 878.7	228.4	7.3	62.0	5 013.5
September	2 208.6	2 895.0	227.3	7.3	62.2	2 199.9	2 881.7	226.2	7.3	61.9	5 018.9
October	2 203.3	2 904.6	207.2	6.7	61.9	2 196.2	2 883.6	223.2	7.2	61.8	5 025.0
November	2 177.8	2 859.4	238.2	7.7	61.6	2 191.6	2 885.3	220.1	7.1	61.7	5 031.1
December	2 189.2	2 891.5	211.5	6.8	61.6	2 188.2	2 887.7	217.3	7.0	61.6	5 037.2
1999											
January	2 178.6	2 884.6	215.2	6.9	61.5	2 186.0	2 890.6	214.6	6.9	61.6	5 042.6
February	2 196.0	2 906.0	208.7	6.7	61.7	2 186.0	2 894.9	212.1	6.8	61.5	5 048.0

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TREND.....

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	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	
MALES											
1997											
December	1 053.4	1 206.4	110.8	8.4	73.2	1 055.0	1 201.2	110.2	8.4	72.9	1 798.6
1998											
January	1 058.7	1 194.2	114.5	8.8	72.7	1 058.8	1 204.4	110.6	8.4	73.0	1 800.7
February	1 063.1	1 208.5	107.2	8.1	73.0	1 061.2	1 207.9	111.3	8.4	73.2	1 802.8
March	1 063.5	1 213.1	113.7	8.6	73.5	1 061.9	1 211.3	111.8	8.4	73.3	1 804.8
April	1 062.1	1 217.3	112.4	8.5	73.6	1 061.8	1 214.6	111.6	8.4	73.4	1 806.9
May	1 062.5	1 219.6	111.3	8.4	73.6	1 061.8	1 217.8	110.6	8.3	73.4	1 808.9
June	1 057.1	1 218.4	107.8	8.1	73.2	1 062.2	1 220.4	109.2	8.2	73.4	1 810.9
July	1 061.0	1 218.9	108.5	8.2	73.2	1 063.0	1 222.2	107.6	8.1	73.4	1 812.8
August	1 063.3	1 218.3	106.1	8.0	73.0	1 063.6	1 222.8	105.7	8.0	73.2	1 814.8
September	1 073.6	1 237.5	102.6	7.7	73.8	1 063.8	1 223.0	103.9	7.8	73.0	1 816.7
October	1 064.1	1 219.8	102.3	7.7	72.7	1 063.7	1 222.9	102.6	7.7	72.9	1 819.2
November	1 057.6	1 218.7	101.5	7.7	72.5	1 063.7	1 222.8	101.5	7.7	72.7	1 821.6
December	1 061.7	1 218.9	100.9	7.6	72.4	1 064.3	1 223.1	100.8	7.6	72.6	1 824.1
1999											
January	1 060.0	1 222.8	99.1	7.5	72.4	1 065.6	1 223.9	100.2	7.6	72.5	1 826.2
February	1 079.4	1 232.6	101.4	7.6	73.0	1 067.3	1 225.0	100.0	7.5	72.5	1 828.4
FEMALES											
1997											
December	522.0	928.5	80.2	7.9	53.6	518.9	925.6	83.8	8.3	53.7	1 880.7
1998											
January	518.8	925.2	86.1	8.5	53.7	522.7	928.3	83.3	8.2	53.7	1 882.6
February	527.6	929.2	80.7	8.0	53.6	525.7	930.2	83.4	8.2	53.8	1 884.6
March	527.7	931.3	87.5	8.6	54.0	527.8	932.1	84.0	8.3	53.9	1 886.5
April	535.2	938.1	84.5	8.3	54.2	529.4	935.0	84.9	8.3	54.0	1 888.5
May	528.1	937.4	82.0	8.0	53.9	530.3	938.4	86.0	8.4	54.2	1 890.4
June	527.5	938.8	87.9	8.6	54.3	530.9	941.8	86.9	8.4	54.4	1 892.3
July	524.0	939.4	89.2	8.7	54.3	531.1	944.2	87.2	8.5	54.4	1 894.3
August	544.6	958.7	86.6	8.3	55.1	531.1	945.4	86.5	8.4	54.4	1 896.3
September	528.3	943.4	87.7	8.5	54.3	531.3	945.3	84.7	8.2	54.3	1 898.2
October	530.9	942.3	79.6	7.8	53.8	531.5	944.3	82.0	8.0	54.0	1 900.6
November	525.8	939.1	80.7	7.9	53.6	531.6	943.0	79.2	7.7	53.7	1 902.9
December	533.0	942.6	74.0	7.3	53.4	531.8	941.9	76.8	7.5	53.5	1 905.3
1999											
January	537.7	942.9	73.0	7.2	53.3	532.3	941.1	75.0	7.4	53.3	1 907.2
February	530.8	941.0	76.9	7.6	53.3	532.0	940.1	73.8	7.3	53.1	1 909.2
PERSONS											
1997											
December	1 575.5	2 134.9	191.0	8.2	63.2	1 573.9	2 126.9	193.9	8.4	63.1	3 679.3
1998											
January	1 577.5	2 119.3	200.6	8.6	63.0	1 581.5	2 132.7	193.9	8.3	63.2	3 683.3
February	1 590.7	2 137.7	187.8	8.1	63.1	1 586.9	2 138.1	194.7	8.3	63.3	3 687.3
March	1 591.2	2 144.5	201.2	8.6	63.5	1 589.8	2 143.4	195.7	8.4	63.4	3 691.4
April	1 597.4	2 155.4	196.9	8.4	63.7	1 591.1	2 149.7	196.5	8.4	63.5	3 695.3
May	1 590.6	2 157.0	193.3	8.2	63.5	1 592.1	2 156.2	196.6	8.4	63.6	3 699.3
June	1 584.7	2 157.2	195.7	8.3	63.5	1 593.1	2 162.2	196.1	8.3	63.7	3 703.2
July	1 585.0	2 158.2	197.7	8.4	63.6	1 594.1	2 166.4	194.7	8.2	63.7	3 707.1
August	1 607.9	2 177.0	192.8	8.1	63.9	1 594.7	2 168.2	192.2	8.1	63.6	3 711.0
September	1 601.9	2 181.0	190.3	8.0	63.8	1 595.0	2 168.3	188.5	8.0	63.4	3 714.9
October	1 594.9	2 162.0	181.9	7.8	63.0	1 595.1	2 167.2	184.6	7.8	63.2	3 719.7
November	1 583.3	2 157.8	182.2	7.8	62.8	1 595.3	2 165.8	180.8	7.7	63.0	3 724.5
December	1 594.7	2 161.5	174.9	7.5	62.6	1 596.2	2 165.0	177.6	7.6	62.8	3 729.4
1999											
January	1 597.7	2 165.7	172.1	7.4	62.6	1 597.9	2 165.1	175.2	7.5	62.7	3 733.5
February	1 610.2	2 173.6	178.3	7.6	62.9	1 599.3	2 165.1	173.8	7.4	62.6	3 737.6

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

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	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	
MALES											
1997											
December	779.7	892.4	92.3	9.4	74.4	780.2	894.1	91.4	9.3	74.4	1 323.9
1998											
January	787.3	902.5	88.5	8.9	74.7	783.0	897.5	90.1	9.1	74.5	1 326.0
February	784.1	900.4	91.2	9.2	74.7	785.2	899.9	89.0	9.0	74.5	1 328.1
March	787.6	902.3	87.3	8.8	74.4	786.4	900.8	88.2	8.9	74.4	1 330.2
April	789.4	899.2	86.3	8.8	74.0	786.6	900.6	88.3	8.9	74.2	1 332.2
May	782.1	900.1	87.9	8.9	74.1	786.4	899.9	89.3	9.0	74.1	1 334.3
June	787.5	901.1	89.3	9.0	74.1	786.7	900.0	90.7	9.2	74.1	1 336.3
July	788.7	897.6	96.8	9.7	74.3	788.3	901.6	91.8	9.2	74.2	1 338.3
August	789.1	903.5	90.0	9.1	74.1	791.2	905.2	91.9	9.2	74.4	1 340.2
September	791.7	910.3	94.7	9.4	74.9	794.9	910.0	90.5	9.0	74.5	1 342.2
October	801.3	915.5	86.9	8.7	74.6	798.7	915.2	87.9	8.8	74.6	1 344.5
November	807.5	922.6	83.1	8.3	74.7	801.9	919.7	85.1	8.5	74.6	1 346.7
December	801.5	924.2	83.3	8.3	74.7	804.2	923.3	82.6	8.2	74.6	1 349.0
1999											
January	807.0	928.9	76.9	7.6	74.4	806.0	925.9	80.6	8.0	74.5	1 351.4
February	804.4	922.2	82.2	8.2	74.2	807.1	927.4	79.3	7.9	74.4	1 353.7
FEMALES											
1997											
December	393.1	684.4	64.0	8.6	55.5	385.2	686.6	65.3	8.7	55.8	1 348.2
1998											
January	382.4	686.4	64.0	8.5	55.6	386.7	689.1	64.1	8.5	55.8	1 350.4
February	388.0	695.3	64.5	8.5	56.2	387.8	691.9	63.3	8.4	55.8	1 352.6
March	384.3	691.7	61.1	8.1	55.6	388.3	694.9	62.9	8.3	55.9	1 354.7
April	393.5	698.7	63.3	8.3	56.2	388.0	697.6	62.6	8.2	56.0	1 356.8
May	387.4	701.9	60.3	7.9	56.1	387.1	699.1	62.5	8.2	56.0	1 358.8
June	384.7	700.2	66.7	8.7	56.4	385.8	699.5	62.6	8.2	56.0	1 360.8
July	386.0	698.1	62.5	8.2	55.8	384.4	699.1	62.7	8.2	55.9	1 362.9
August	380.8	700.9	59.4	7.8	55.7	383.7	698.8	63.1	8.3	55.8	1 364.9
September	383.6	692.1	63.5	8.4	55.3	384.4	699.0	63.6	8.3	55.8	1 366.9
October	381.8	700.8	67.6	8.8	56.1	386.2	699.9	63.9	8.4	55.8	1 369.2
November	392.2	704.0	62.3	8.1	55.9	388.4	701.3	64.0	8.4	55.8	1 371.5
December	391.6	701.6	64.2	8.4	55.7	390.2	702.5	63.8	8.3	55.8	1 373.8
1999											
January	396.4	707.5	66.0	8.5	56.2	391.4	703.5	63.4	8.3	55.7	1 376.2
February	386.1	700.2	58.9	7.8	55.1	392.4	704.0	62.9	8.2	55.6	1 378.7
PERSONS											
1997											
December	1 172.8	1 576.9	156.3	9.0	64.9	1 165.4	1 580.7	156.7	9.0	65.0	2 672.1
1998											
January	1 169.7	1 588.9	152.4	8.8	65.1	1 169.6	1 586.6	154.2	8.9	65.0	2 676.4
February	1 172.1	1 595.8	155.6	8.9	65.3	1 173.0	1 591.8	152.3	8.7	65.1	2 680.7
March	1 171.9	1 594.0	148.3	8.5	64.9	1 174.6	1 595.7	151.1	8.6	65.1	2 685.0
April	1 182.9	1 597.9	149.6	8.6	65.0	1 174.6	1 598.1	150.8	8.6	65.0	2 689.0
May	1 169.5	1 602.0	148.2	8.5	65.0	1 173.5	1 599.1	151.8	8.7	65.0	2 693.1
June	1 172.2	1 601.3	156.0	8.9	65.2	1 172.5	1 599.5	153.3	8.7	65.0	2 697.1
July	1 174.7	1 595.7	159.2	9.1	65.0	1 172.7	1 600.7	154.6	8.8	65.0	2 701.1
August	1 170.0	1 604.3	149.4	8.5	64.8	1 174.9	1 603.9	155.0	8.8	65.0	2 705.1
September	1 175.4	1 602.4	158.1	9.0	65.0	1 179.3	1 609.0	154.1	8.7	65.1	2 709.2
October	1 183.1	1 616.3	154.5	8.7	65.3	1 184.9	1 615.1	151.9	8.6	65.1	2 713.7
November	1 199.7	1 626.6	145.4	8.2	65.2	1 190.2	1 621.0	149.1	8.4	65.1	2 718.2
December	1 193.1	1 625.8	147.5	8.3	65.1	1 194.4	1 625.8	146.5	8.3	65.1	2 722.8
1999											
January	1 203.4	1 636.5	142.9	8.0	65.2	1 197.4	1 629.4	144.0	8.1	65.0	2 727.6
February	1 190.5	1 622.4	141.2	8.0	64.5	1 199.5	1 631.4	142.2	8.0	64.9	2 732.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....						TREND.....						Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	
MALES													
1997													
December	318.4	366.7	42.4	10.4	70.7		318.5	366.9	42.5	10.4	70.8		578.7
1998													
January	321.9	366.4	41.8	10.2	70.5		317.9	365.9	42.1	10.3	70.5		579.1
February	314.9	365.1	42.4	10.4	70.3		317.0	364.8	41.6	10.2	70.1		579.5
March	315.6	362.6	41.7	10.3	69.7		315.9	363.9	41.3	10.2	69.9		579.9
April	315.8	365.0	39.3	9.7	69.7		315.1	363.2	41.3	10.2	69.7		580.2
May	313.5	361.2	42.3	10.5	69.5		314.9	363.0	41.7	10.3	69.7		580.5
June	314.4	363.8	40.6	10.0	69.6		315.5	363.2	42.1	10.4	69.8		580.7
July	316.3	362.8	44.9	11.0	70.2		316.7	363.7	42.6	10.5	69.9		581.1
August	318.3	365.0	43.0	10.5	70.2		317.8	364.5	43.0	10.6	70.1		581.4
September	321.8	366.5	43.4	10.6	70.5		318.4	365.4	43.2	10.6	70.2		581.7
October	317.7	366.1	41.1	10.1	70.0		318.6	366.3	42.9	10.5	70.3		582.2
November	318.7	366.4	43.6	10.6	70.4		318.5	367.3	42.3	10.3	70.3		582.6
December	316.6	368.9	42.4	10.3	70.5		318.3	368.3	41.7	10.2	70.3		583.0
1999													
January	316.5	367.5	41.8	10.2	70.1		318.4	369.4	40.9	10.0	70.3		583.4
February	321.8	373.2	37.9	9.2	70.4		318.5	370.4	40.3	9.8	70.3		583.8
FEMALES													
1997													
December	147.5	283.8	28.2	9.0	51.6		146.4	284.8	28.5	9.1	51.8		605.2
1998													
January	146.6	282.5	29.7	9.5	51.6		147.0	282.9	28.8	9.3	51.5		605.6
February	146.0	280.4	28.4	9.2	51.0		147.0	280.6	29.1	9.4	51.1		606.0
March	149.0	277.8	30.0	9.8	50.8		146.5	278.0	29.4	9.6	50.7		606.4
April	146.7	278.2	28.5	9.3	50.5		145.6	275.7	29.7	9.7	50.3		606.7
May	142.9	274.6	30.6	10.0	50.3		145.0	274.2	29.8	9.8	50.1		607.0
June	143.4	270.2	30.1	10.0	49.4		144.9	273.9	29.7	9.8	50.0		607.3
July	144.9	273.3	28.0	9.3	49.6		145.3	275.0	29.4	9.6	50.1		607.7
August	146.7	277.1	31.2	10.1	50.7		146.0	277.4	28.7	9.4	50.3		608.0
September	147.9	282.1	27.7	8.9	50.9		146.7	280.6	27.8	9.0	50.7		608.4
October	148.3	285.2	24.9	8.0	50.9		147.2	283.5	27.0	8.7	51.0		608.8
November	146.4	285.4	27.0	8.6	51.3		147.3	285.7	26.3	8.4	51.2		609.2
December	146.9	289.4	24.8	7.9	51.5		147.3	286.9	25.9	8.3	51.3		609.7
1999													
January	146.3	286.5	26.7	8.5	51.3		147.4	287.6	25.6	8.2	51.4		610.1
February	148.9	285.6	25.8	8.3	51.0		147.4	287.8	25.4	8.1	51.3		610.5
PERSONS													
1997													
December	465.9	650.5	70.7	9.8	60.9		464.8	651.7	71.0	9.8	61.0		1 183.9
1998													
January	468.5	648.9	71.5	9.9	60.8		464.9	648.8	70.9	9.9	60.8		1 184.7
February	460.9	645.4	70.8	9.9	60.4		464.0	645.4	70.8	9.9	60.4		1 185.5
March	464.7	640.4	71.8	10.1	60.0		462.3	641.9	70.7	9.9	60.1		1 186.2
April	462.4	643.2	67.7	9.5	59.9		460.7	639.0	71.0	10.0	59.8		1 186.8
May	456.4	635.8	72.9	10.3	59.7		459.9	637.2	71.4	10.1	59.7		1 187.4
June	457.8	634.0	70.7	10.0	59.3		460.4	637.0	71.9	10.1	59.7		1 188.1
July	461.2	636.1	72.9	10.3	59.6		462.0	638.7	72.0	10.1	59.8		1 188.7
August	465.0	642.0	74.2	10.4	60.2		463.8	641.9	71.7	10.0	60.0		1 189.4
September	469.7	648.6	71.1	9.9	60.5		465.1	645.9	70.9	9.9	60.2		1 190.1
October	466.1	651.3	66.0	9.2	60.2		465.8	649.8	69.8	9.7	60.4		1 191.0
November	465.1	651.8	70.6	9.8	60.6		465.8	652.9	68.7	9.5	60.5		1 191.8
December	463.5	658.3	67.1	9.3	60.8		465.7	655.3	67.6	9.3	60.6		1 192.6
1999													
January	462.8	654.0	68.4	9.5	60.5		465.8	657.1	66.6	9.2	60.6		1 193.5
February	470.6	658.9	63.8	8.8	60.5		466.0	658.2	65.7	9.1	60.6		1 194.3

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....						TREND.....						Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %		Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %		
	MALES												
1997													
December	447.1	504.8	38.3	7.1	76.8		445.8	503.7	37.3	6.9	76.5		707.2
1998													
January	448.0	504.8	38.1	7.0	76.6		446.1	504.3	37.3	6.9	76.5		708.4
February	444.2	503.4	36.8	6.8	76.1		446.2	504.6	37.5	6.9	76.4		709.6
March	445.8	503.1	38.2	7.1	76.2		446.1	504.7	38.1	7.0	76.4		710.8
April	446.1	505.4	37.2	6.9	76.2		446.0	504.6	39.0	7.2	76.3		712.1
May	446.5	507.0	38.3	7.0	76.4		446.1	504.6	40.0	7.4	76.3		713.3
June	446.0	504.8	44.8	8.2	76.9		446.3	504.9	41.1	7.5	76.4		714.6
July	446.2	502.4	42.6	7.8	76.1		446.6	505.4	41.9	7.7	76.4		715.9
August	447.4	504.7	41.4	7.6	76.2		446.9	506.1	42.3	7.7	76.5		717.1
September	447.3	509.8	41.5	7.5	76.7		446.9	507.1	42.2	7.7	76.5		718.3
October	446.9	509.0	41.9	7.6	76.6		446.9	508.2	42.0	7.6	76.4		719.7
November	445.8	507.6	41.7	7.6	76.2		446.8	509.0	41.8	7.6	76.4		721.1
December	447.6	510.4	42.8	7.7	76.6		446.5	509.5	41.6	7.6	76.3		722.5
1999													
January	446.8	510.4	40.9	7.4	76.2		446.2	509.7	41.5	7.5	76.2		723.8
February	444.7	508.0	40.9	7.5	75.7		445.9	509.6	41.4	7.5	76.0		725.1
FEMALES													
1997													
December	191.9	363.6	28.8	7.3	55.3		196.9	366.3	27.8	7.1	55.6		709.1
1998													
January	201.2	367.8	28.4	7.2	55.8		197.2	367.2	28.2	7.1	55.7		710.3
February	195.9	370.5	28.4	7.1	56.1		197.8	369.3	28.4	7.1	55.9		711.5
March	201.6	371.0	28.0	7.0	56.0		198.9	372.4	28.2	7.0	56.2		712.6
April	197.3	375.2	28.3	7.0	56.5		200.2	376.1	27.7	6.9	56.6		713.8
May	200.1	379.0	27.9	6.9	56.9		201.2	379.7	27.2	6.7	56.9		715.0
June	204.4	384.9	24.6	6.0	57.2		201.8	382.7	26.8	6.5	57.2		716.2
July	202.7	387.2	27.3	6.6	57.8		202.1	385.0	26.5	6.4	57.4		717.4
August	204.4	384.8	25.5	6.2	57.1		202.3	386.3	26.4	6.4	57.4		718.6
September	197.9	386.1	28.5	6.9	57.6		202.3	386.6	26.3	6.4	57.4		719.8
October	201.9	386.8	25.3	6.1	57.2		202.4	386.0	26.4	6.4	57.2		721.2
November	203.0	385.3	26.4	6.4	57.0		202.5	385.3	26.6	6.4	57.0		722.5
December	205.2	385.2	26.3	6.4	56.9		202.7	384.5	26.8	6.5	56.8		723.8
1999													
January	203.8	382.9	26.5	6.5	56.5		202.8	383.7	27.0	6.6	56.7		725.0
February	200.0	382.1	28.9	7.0	56.6		202.7	383.1	27.4	6.7	56.5		726.2
PERSONS													
1997													
December	639.0	868.4	67.2	7.2	66.1		642.6	870.0	65.2	7.0	66.0		1 416.3
1998													
January	649.1	872.7	66.5	7.1	66.2		643.3	871.5	65.5	7.0	66.0		1 418.7
February	640.1	873.9	65.2	6.9	66.1		644.1	873.9	65.8	7.0	66.1		1 421.0
March	647.3	874.1	66.1	7.0	66.1		645.0	877.1	66.2	7.0	66.3		1 423.4
April	643.5	880.6	65.5	6.9	66.4		646.2	880.7	66.6	7.0	66.4		1 425.9
May	646.6	886.0	66.2	7.0	66.7		647.3	884.3	67.2	7.1	66.6		1 428.4
June	650.4	889.7	69.4	7.2	67.0		648.2	887.6	67.9	7.1	66.8		1 430.9
July	648.9	889.6	69.9	7.3	66.9		648.7	890.3	68.4	7.1	66.9		1 433.3
August	651.8	889.6	66.9	7.0	66.6		649.1	892.5	68.6	7.1	66.9		1 435.7
September	645.3	895.9	70.0	7.2	67.2		649.3	893.7	68.6	7.1	66.9		1 438.2
October	648.8	895.8	67.3	7.0	66.8		649.3	894.2	68.4	7.1	66.8		1 440.9
November	648.7	892.9	68.1	7.1	66.6		649.3	894.3	68.3	7.1	66.7		1 443.6
December	652.8	895.6	69.1	7.2	66.7		649.3	894.0	68.4	7.1	66.5		1 446.3
1999													
January	650.5	893.3	67.4	7.0	66.3		649.0	893.4	68.5	7.1	66.4		1 448.8
February	644.7	890.1	69.8	7.3	66.1		648.6	892.7	68.8	7.2	66.2		1 451.3

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED..... TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
'000	'000	'000	%	%		'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
1997											
December	94.9	109.0	16.9	13.4	69.8	95.7	110.5	15.6	12.4	69.9	180.4
1998											
January	95.6	111.1	14.8	11.8	69.8	95.5	110.7	15.6	12.3	70.0	180.4
February	94.5	111.0	14.9	11.9	69.8	95.4	110.9	15.4	12.2	70.0	180.4
March	95.3	110.4	15.6	12.4	69.9	95.4	111.1	15.1	12.0	70.0	180.4
April	97.2	112.4	14.7	11.6	70.5	95.3	111.0	15.0	11.9	69.8	180.4
May	94.9	111.3	14.6	11.6	69.8	94.9	110.5	15.0	12.0	69.6	180.4
June	93.7	109.7	14.7	11.8	69.0	94.2	109.8	15.2	12.1	69.3	180.4
July	93.3	107.3	15.6	12.7	68.1	93.7	109.1	15.2	12.2	68.9	180.4
August	93.1	108.7	15.9	12.8	69.1	93.5	108.8	15.0	12.1	68.7	180.4
September	92.5	108.4	14.8	12.0	68.3	93.4	108.7	14.7	11.9	68.4	180.4
October	93.7	109.3	14.5	11.7	68.6	93.5	108.6	14.4	11.7	68.2	180.4
November	94.9	109.2	13.3	10.8	67.9	93.3	108.4	14.2	11.6	68.0	180.4
December	93.9	108.6	13.0	10.7	67.4	92.9	108.1	14.1	11.6	67.7	180.4
1999											
January	91.4	106.4	15.1	12.4	67.4	92.3	107.6	14.2	11.7	67.5	180.4
February	89.9	106.6	15.4	12.6	67.6	91.6	107.1	14.4	11.9	67.4	180.4
FEMALES											
1997											
December	42.3	84.0	8.6	9.3	48.9	42.6	83.3	8.8	9.5	48.7	189.2
1998											
January	42.9	83.0	8.5	9.3	48.3	43.1	84.1	8.4	9.1	48.9	189.2
February	43.1	85.3	8.1	8.6	49.3	43.2	84.9	8.3	8.9	49.2	189.2
March	44.0	85.7	8.3	8.8	49.6	43.2	85.5	8.3	8.9	49.5	189.3
April	43.1	85.9	8.6	9.1	49.9	42.9	85.9	8.4	8.9	49.8	189.3
May	41.8	86.2	8.5	9.0	50.1	42.6	86.3	8.4	8.9	50.1	189.3
June	42.0	86.5	8.6	9.0	50.2	42.3	86.7	8.4	8.8	50.2	189.3
July	42.3	87.1	7.9	8.3	50.2	42.1	86.8	8.4	8.8	50.3	189.3
August	42.1	86.4	8.9	9.4	50.4	42.0	86.7	8.3	8.8	50.2	189.3
September	42.0	87.0	7.8	8.2	50.1	41.9	86.5	8.3	8.8	50.1	189.4
October	42.0	86.5	8.2	8.7	50.0	41.9	86.2	8.3	8.8	49.9	189.4
November	41.7	85.5	8.1	8.7	49.4	41.9	86.0	8.3	8.8	49.8	189.4
December	41.0	85.1	9.3	9.8	49.8	41.9	85.9	8.1	8.6	49.6	189.5
1999											
January	42.7	86.0	7.7	8.2	49.4	42.1	86.0	7.9	8.4	49.5	189.5
February	42.7	87.0	6.9	7.4	49.5	42.2	86.1	7.7	8.2	49.4	189.6
PERSONS											
1997											
December	137.2	193.0	25.5	11.7	59.1	138.3	193.8	24.4	11.2	59.0	369.6
1998											
January	138.5	194.1	23.3	10.7	58.8	138.6	194.8	24.0	11.0	59.2	369.6
February	137.6	196.3	23.0	10.5	59.3	138.7	195.8	23.7	10.8	59.4	369.6
March	139.3	196.0	23.9	10.9	59.5	138.6	196.6	23.4	10.6	59.5	369.6
April	140.3	198.3	23.3	10.5	59.9	138.2	196.9	23.3	10.6	59.6	369.6
May	136.7	197.6	23.2	10.5	59.7	137.5	196.8	23.4	10.6	59.6	369.6
June	135.7	196.2	23.3	10.6	59.4	136.6	196.4	23.6	10.7	59.5	369.7
July	135.6	194.4	23.5	10.8	58.9	135.8	195.9	23.6	10.7	59.4	369.7
August	135.2	195.1	24.9	11.3	59.5	135.4	195.5	23.4	10.7	59.2	369.7
September	134.5	195.4	22.6	10.4	59.0	135.3	195.1	23.1	10.6	59.0	369.7
October	135.8	195.8	22.7	10.4	59.1	135.4	194.8	22.7	10.4	58.8	369.8
November	136.6	194.8	21.4	9.9	58.5	135.2	194.5	22.4	10.3	58.6	369.8
December	134.9	193.7	22.3	10.3	58.4	134.8	194.0	22.3	10.3	58.5	369.9
1999											
January	134.1	192.4	22.8	10.6	58.2	134.3	193.6	22.2	10.3	58.3	369.9
February	132.5	193.6	22.3	10.3	58.4	133.8	193.1	22.1	10.3	58.2	370.0

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Civilian population aged 15 and over
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
1997						
December	46.6	51.7	2.5	4.6	77.1	70.2
1998						
January	46.9	51.8	2.7	4.9	77.5	70.4
February	46.7	51.6	3.0	5.4	77.5	70.5
March	46.3	51.3	3.2	6.0	77.3	70.6
April	46.1	51.0	3.4	6.3	77.0	70.7
May	46.0	51.1	3.4	6.3	77.0	70.8
June	46.1	51.5	3.3	6.1	77.3	70.9
July	46.2	52.0	3.2	5.8	77.6	71.0
August	46.3	52.4	3.0	5.5	77.9	71.1
September	46.4	52.7	2.9	5.2	78.1	71.2
October	46.5	53.0	2.8	4.9	78.2	71.4
November	46.6	53.3	2.6	4.6	78.1	71.5
December	46.6	53.5	2.4	4.3	78.1	71.6
1999						
January	46.7	53.8	2.2	3.9	78.0	71.8
February	46.9	54.2	2.1	3.7	78.1	72.0
FEMALES						
1997						
December	27.1	39.0	1.9	4.6	63.8	64.1
1998						
January	26.9	38.9	2.0	4.8	63.6	64.2
February	26.6	38.7	2.0	4.8	63.3	64.2
March	26.4	38.5	1.9	4.6	62.8	64.3
April	26.5	38.5	1.7	4.1	62.4	64.4
May	26.7	38.7	1.4	3.6	62.2	64.5
June	27.0	38.9	1.3	3.2	62.3	64.5
July	27.3	39.2	1.2	3.0	62.5	64.6
August	27.6	39.6	1.2	2.9	63.0	64.7
September	27.9	40.0	1.2	3.0	63.6	64.8
October	28.1	40.4	1.4	3.3	64.3	64.9
November	28.4	40.9	1.5	3.5	65.1	65.1
December	28.5	41.3	1.5	3.6	65.7	65.2
1999						
January	28.5	41.6	1.6	3.7	66.2	65.3
February	28.5	41.9	1.6	3.7	66.5	65.5
PERSONS						
1997						
December	73.8	90.7	4.4	4.6	70.8	134.3
1998						
January	73.8	90.7	4.6	4.9	70.9	134.5
February	73.3	90.3	4.9	5.2	70.7	134.7
March	72.7	89.8	5.1	5.4	70.4	134.9
April	72.6	89.5	5.1	5.4	70.1	135.1
May	72.8	89.8	4.9	5.2	70.0	135.3
June	73.1	90.4	4.6	4.9	70.1	135.5
July	73.4	91.2	4.4	4.6	70.4	135.7
August	73.8	92.0	4.2	4.4	70.8	135.9
September	74.2	92.7	4.2	4.3	71.2	136.1
October	74.6	93.4	4.1	4.2	71.6	136.3
November	74.9	94.1	4.0	4.1	71.9	136.5
December	75.1	94.8	3.9	4.0	72.2	136.8
1999						
January	75.2	95.5	3.8	3.8	72.4	137.1
February	75.3	96.1	3.7	3.7	72.6	137.5

(a) Trend estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Civilian population aged 15 and over
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
1997						
December	68.9	80.4	7.2	8.3	78.1	112.1
1998						
January	68.9	80.4	7.1	8.1	77.9	112.3
February	69.2	80.5	7.0	8.0	77.7	112.5
March	69.5	80.6	7.0	8.0	77.7	112.8
April	69.7	80.8	7.1	8.0	77.8	112.9
May	69.7	80.9	7.1	8.1	77.8	113.1
June	69.6	81.0	7.1	8.1	77.8	113.3
July	69.2	81.0	7.1	8.0	77.8	113.3
August	68.9	81.1	7.0	7.9	77.8	113.2
September	68.6	81.1	6.8	7.7	77.7	113.2
October	68.6	81.2	6.6	7.5	77.3	113.4
November	68.8	81.3	6.3	7.2	77.1	113.7
December	69.1	81.5	6.0	6.9	76.8	113.9
1999						
January	69.4	81.7	5.8	6.6	76.7	114.1
February	69.7	82.0	5.6	6.4	76.6	114.3
FEMALES						
1997						
December	46.6	72.1	5.9	7.5	64.5	120.9
1998						
January	46.4	72.4	5.5	7.1	64.5	120.9
February	46.3	72.9	5.2	6.7	64.6	121.0
March	46.3	73.7	4.9	6.2	65.0	121.0
April	46.4	74.5	4.6	5.9	65.4	121.0
May	46.4	75.1	4.5	5.6	65.7	121.1
June	46.2	75.2	4.4	5.6	65.8	121.1
July	45.9	75.1	4.4	5.5	65.6	121.2
August	45.7	74.7	4.4	5.5	65.2	121.2
September	45.8	74.3	4.3	5.5	64.8	121.2
October	46.0	74.1	4.2	5.4	64.5	121.3
November	46.4	74.2	4.2	5.3	64.5	121.4
December	46.8	74.6	4.1	5.2	64.7	121.5
1999						
January	47.2	75.0	4.1	5.2	65.0	121.6
February	47.5	75.5	4.1	5.1	65.4	121.7
PERSONS						
1997						
December	115.5	152.4	13.1	7.9	71.0	233.0
1998						
January	115.3	152.8	12.6	7.6	70.9	233.3
February	115.4	153.4	12.2	7.4	70.9	233.5
March	115.8	154.3	11.9	7.2	71.1	233.7
April	116.1	155.3	11.7	7.0	71.4	234.0
May	116.1	156.0	11.6	6.9	71.6	234.2
June	115.7	156.2	11.5	6.9	71.6	234.4
July	115.1	156.1	11.5	6.8	71.5	234.4
August	114.6	155.7	11.3	6.8	71.3	234.4
September	114.4	155.4	11.1	6.7	71.0	234.4
October	114.6	155.2	10.8	6.5	70.7	234.7
November	115.2	155.5	10.4	6.3	70.6	235.1
December	115.8	156.0	10.1	6.1	70.6	235.4
1999						
January	116.5	156.7	9.8	5.9	70.7	235.7
February	117.2	157.4	9.7	5.8	70.8	235.9

(a) Trend estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised estimates for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

2 The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING

3 The ABS has introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey. Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for 8 months, with one eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent). Telephone interviewing was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997.

4 During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect peaked in November 1996, when it is estimated that the published estimate of total employment was about 36,000 to 48,000 lower than would have been measured under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.

SCOPE OF SURVEY

5 The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

COVERAGE

6 In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

POPULATION BENCHMARKS

7 Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1999, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1995 to January 1999.

REVISION OF SERIES

8 From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

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SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

9 The Labour Force Survey sample has been reselected using information collected in the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

10 The bulk of the new sample was phased in over the period September 1997 to April 1998, with one eighth of this portion of the sample being introduced every month. The remainder of the sample (about 15% of the total), which covers less settled areas of Australia and non-private dwellings was rotated in full for New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory in September 1997, and for Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia in October 1997. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, was spread over the eight months.

11 For further details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (Cat. no. 6269.0).

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

12 Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

Sampling error occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 30 and 31. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

Non sampling error arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

13 Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. Information about the method of adjustment and revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for all months from January 1991 were published in an appendix to the February 1996 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

14 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

- Employment: 5 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment: 7 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements
- Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements.

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION *continued*

15 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

16 While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

17 Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in table 19. Unadjusted series for the two Territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

18 For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

19 Users may also wish to refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available from ABS Bookshops.

20 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

21 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Michael Sleap on 02 6252 6525 or to any ABS office.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

22 Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

23 Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes in Cat. no. 6203.0 for more details.
- .. not applicable
- r revised
- pts percentage points

GLOSSARY

Actively looking for work	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at the Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
Attending school	Persons aged 15 to 19 enrolled full time at secondary or high schools in the reference week.
Attending tertiary educational institution full time	Persons aged 15 to 24 enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week.
Employed	<p>Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or ■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or ■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ on paid leave, on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week, ■ stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week, ■ on strike or locked out, ■ on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job, or ■ receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or ■ were employers, own account workers or contributing family workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Full-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week
Labour force	For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
Labour force status	A classification of the civilian population aged 15 and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.
Not in the labour force	Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.
Participation rate	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.
Part-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.
Seasonally adjusted series	A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Notes 13 to 14 for more detail.
Trend series	A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 15 to 17 for more detail.

G L O S S A R Y

Unemployed	Persons aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week), or■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or■ were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.
Unemployed looking for first full-time job	Unemployed persons looking for full-time work (as defined above) who had never worked full time for two weeks or more
Unemployed looking for full-time work	Unemployed persons who actively looked for full-time work, or were to resume a full-time job from which they had been stood down.
Unemployed looking for part-time work	Unemployed persons who had actively looked for part-time work only, or were to resume a part-time job from which they had been stood down.
Unemployment rate	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
Unemployment to population ratio	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

STANDARD ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 500,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 9,000. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 500,000. For instance, the standard error of 9,000 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 491,000 to 509,000 (500,000 + or - 9,000)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 482,000 to 518,000 (500,000 + or - 18,000).

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total				
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000				
NSW	14.7	9.9	16.1	6.0	3.8	6.6	16.6	14.1	0.2	0.3
Vic.	12.2	8.4	13.5	5.2	3.3	5.7	13.9	11.6	0.2	0.4
Qld	9.5	6.6	10.6	4.0	2.6	4.5	10.9	8.8	0.3	0.4
SA	5.1	3.7	5.7	2.3	1.3	2.5	5.9	5.1	0.3	0.5
WA	6.4	4.5	7.1	2.6	1.7	2.9	7.4	5.8	0.3	0.5
Tas.	1.7	1.3	1.8	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.8	1.7	0.5	0.5
NT	2.1	1.2	2.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	2.4	1.5	0.6	1.8
ACT	1.6	1.1	1.8	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.8	1.3	0.4	0.8
Males	20.0	9.7	20.9	8.1	3.8	8.6	21.5	15.2	0.2	0.3
Females	15.6	14.1	19.0	6.4	5.1	7.7	19.6	18.6	0.2	0.3
Persons	22.9	15.8	25.2	9.6	6.0	10.7	26.0	21.7	0.1	0.2
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NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....						UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total
looking for f/t work	looking for f/t work	looking for f/t work	looking for p/t work	looking for p/t work	Total	looking for f/t work	looking for f/t work	looking for f/t work	looking for p/t work	Total
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.6	5.7	6.0	3.8	6.6	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
Vic.	2.1	4.9	5.2	3.3	5.7	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
Qld	1.9	3.8	4.0	2.6	4.5	2.8	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
SA	1.0	2.2	2.3	1.3	2.5	4.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
WA	1.1	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.9	3.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
Tas.	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.5	1.0	4.5	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.5
NT	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	9.3	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.6
ACT	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	6.2	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.4
Males	3.2	7.7	8.1	3.8	8.6	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Females	2.9	5.9	6.4	5.1	7.7	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Persons	4.2	9.1	9.6	6.0	10.7	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1

STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,387,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,400,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 10,500. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 13,000. For instance, the standard error of 10,500 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two month period falls within the range 2,500 to 23,500 (13,000 + or - 10,500)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -8,000 to 34,000 (13,000 + or - 21,000).

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	'000	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
NSW	11.4	7.5	12.6	4.7	3.0	5.1	13.0	11.0	0.2	0.3	
Vic.	8.9	5.9	9.9	3.7	2.4	4.1	10.2	8.5	0.2	0.3	
Qld	6.6	4.6	7.3	3.0	2.0	3.3	7.5	6.1	0.2	0.3	
SA	3.5	2.5	3.9	1.7	0.9	1.8	4.1	3.5	0.2	0.3	
WA	4.6	3.2	5.1	1.9	1.3	2.2	5.3	4.2	0.2	0.4	
Tas.	1.5	1.1	1.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.7	1.5	0.4	0.5	
NT	1.3	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.5	1.0	0.4	1.1	
ACT	1.2	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	
Males	15.2	7.3	16.0	6.2	3.1	6.5	16.5	11.4	0.1	0.2	
Females	11.7	10.5	14.4	4.9	4.0	5.9	14.9	14.2	0.1	0.2	
Persons	17.7	11.9	19.8	7.3	4.7	8.0	20.4	16.8	0.1	0.1	
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NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....						UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					
Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.3	4.4	4.7	3.0	5.1	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2
Vic.	1.8	3.5	3.7	2.4	4.1	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2
Qld	1.6	2.8	3.0	2.0	3.3	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2
SA	0.8	1.6	1.7	0.9	1.8	3.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2
WA	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.3	2.2	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2
Tas.	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	3.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.4
NT	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	6.7	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.2	0.4
ACT	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	5.8	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.3
Males	2.9	5.9	6.2	3.1	6.5	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1
Females	2.5	4.6	4.9	4.0	5.9	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Persons	3.6	6.9	7.3	4.7	8.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 13 and 14 of Explanatory Notes).

TREND REVISIONS

The examples in the tables below show four illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and unemployment rate.

1 The March seasonally adjusted estimate is the same as the February estimate.

2 The March seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the February estimate by:

- +0.32% for employment
- +2.0% for the unemployment rate

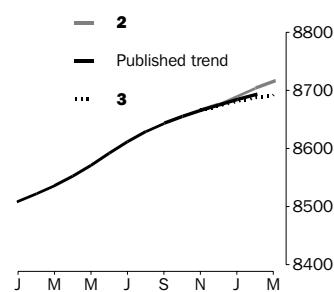
3 The March seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the February estimate by:

- -0.32% for employment
- -2.0% for the unemployment rate

4 The March seasonally adjusted estimate results in a revised February trend estimate which is identical to the new March trend estimate.

The percentage changes of 0.32% and 2.0% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

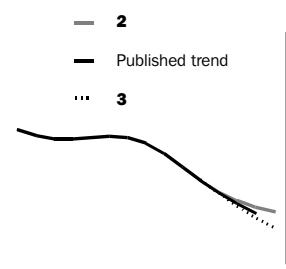
EMPLOYMENT ('000)



TREND AS PUBLISHED
1998
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January
February

WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:				
	1 8 710.6 i.e. the same as Feb 1999	2 8 738.8 i.e. rises by 0.32%	3 8 682.3 i.e. falls by 0.32%	4 8 654.0 i.e. same trend for Feb & Mar
March (new)	—	8 703.9	8 715.8	8 692.0
	8 675.1	8 675.3	8 676.5	8 674.0
	8 684.3	8 685.5	8 689.7	8 681.3
	8 692.2	8 695.8	8 703.7	8 688.0
				8 680.1

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)



TREND AS PUBLISHED
1998
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1999
January
February

WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:				
	1 7.4 i.e. the same as Feb 1999	2 7.6 i.e. rises by 2.0%	3 7.3 i.e. falls by 2.0%	4 7.8 i.e. same trend for Feb & Mar
March (new)	—	7.4	7.5	7.3
	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.5
	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.4
				7.6

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